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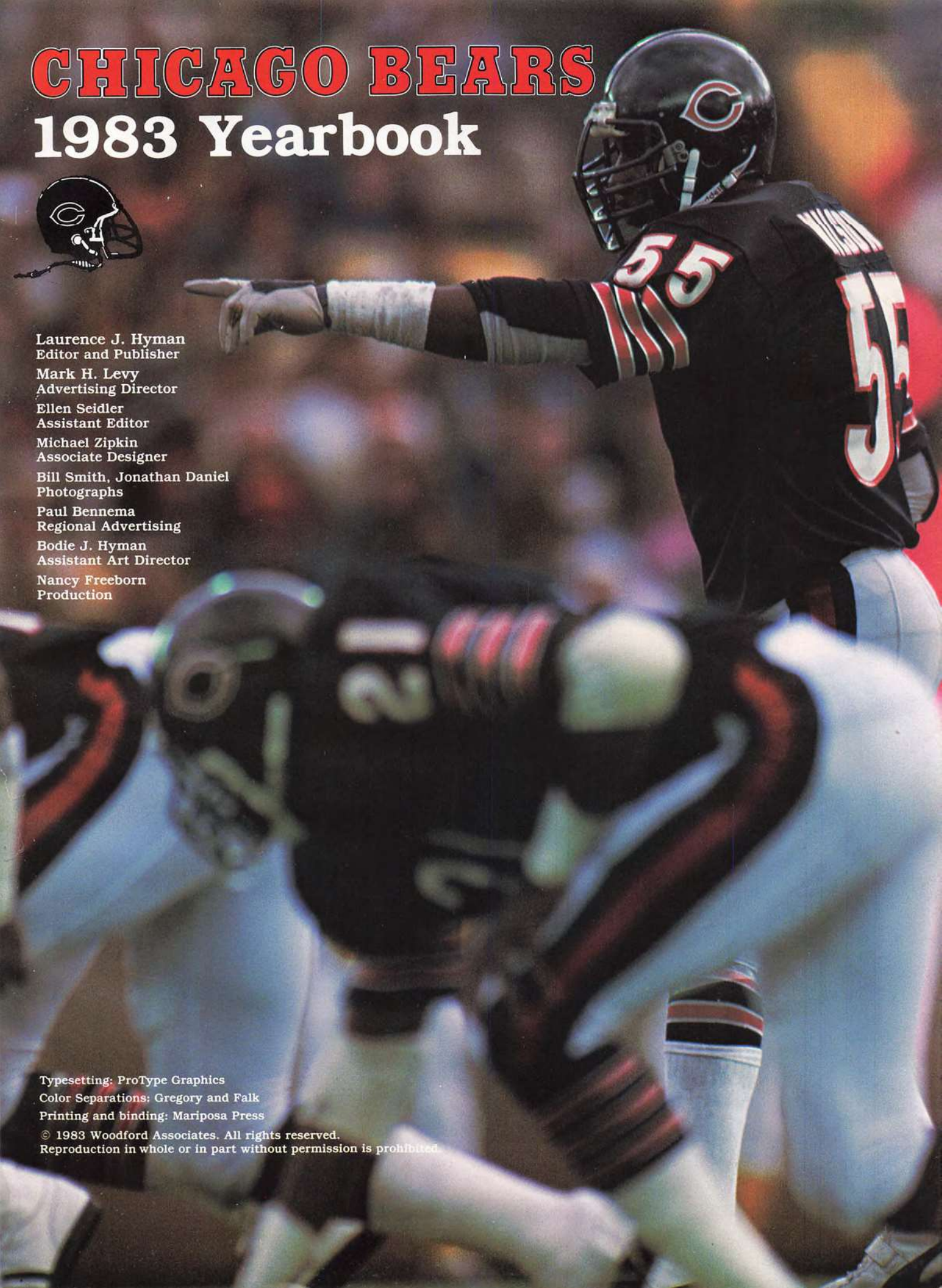
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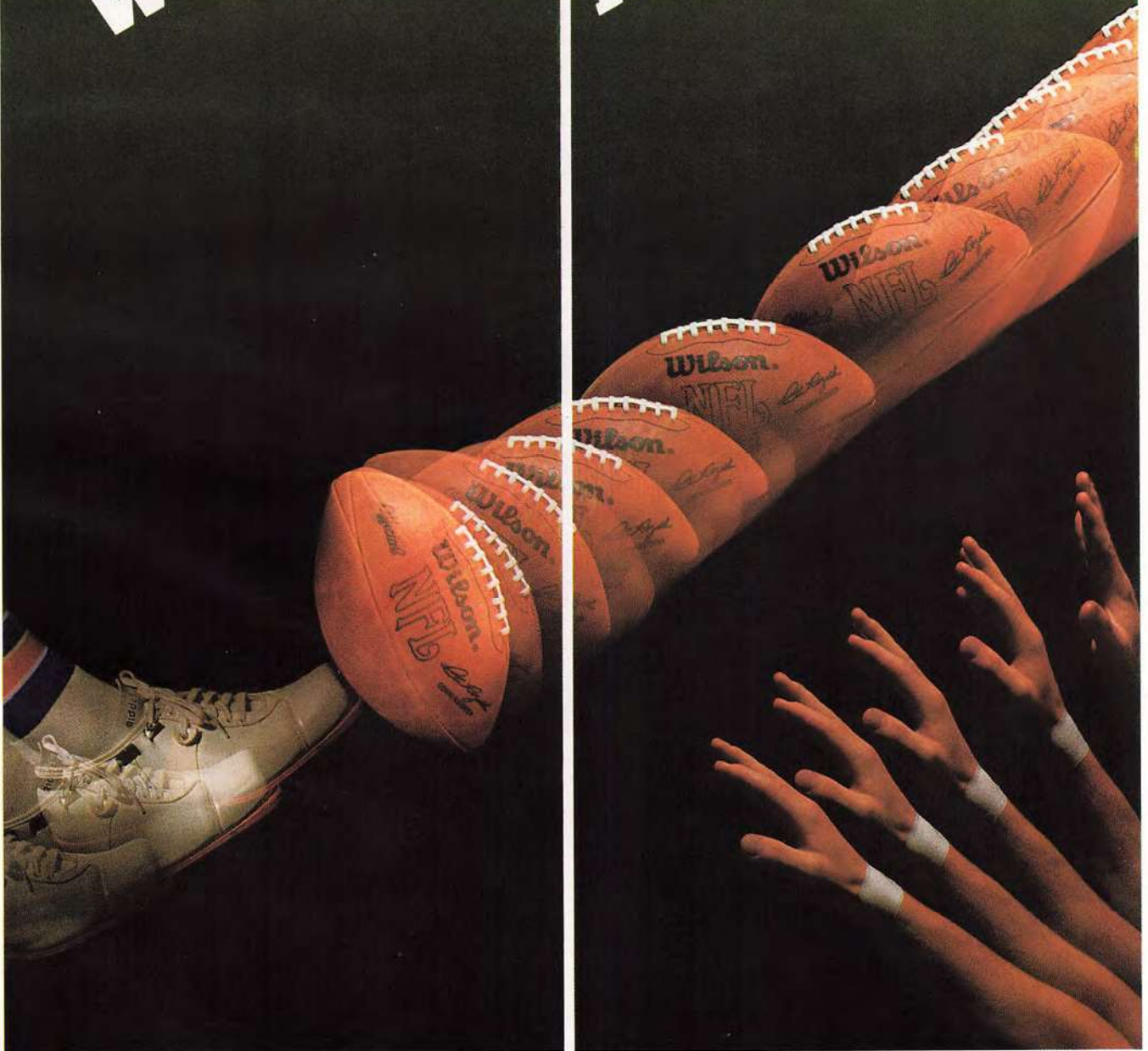


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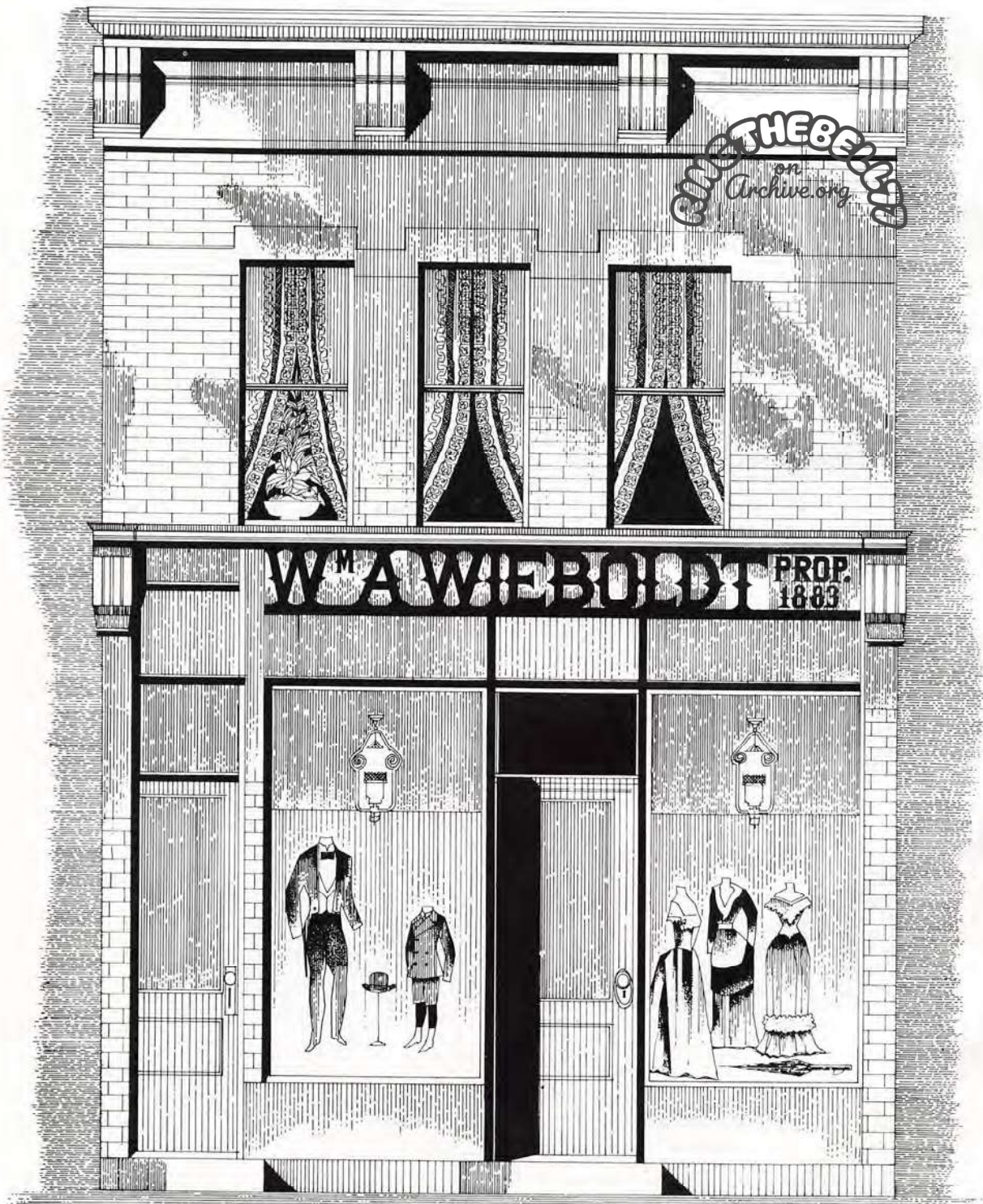
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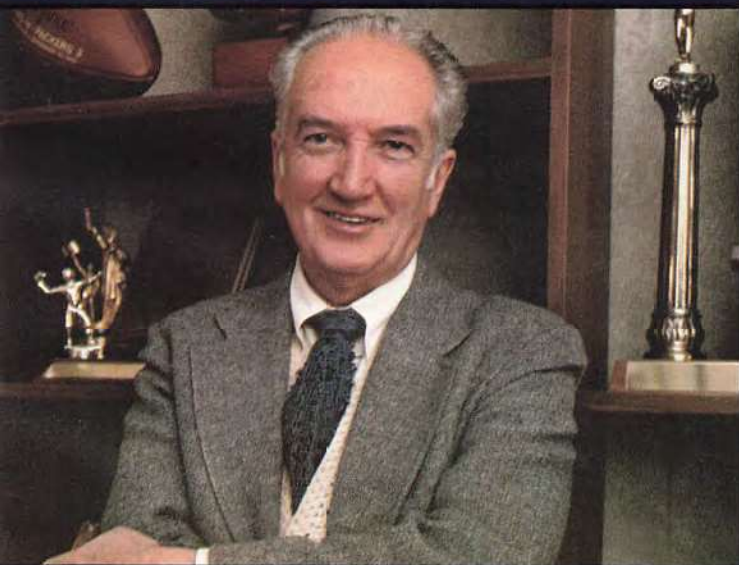
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THE FRONT OFFICE

George S. Halas

President
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Not only is the name George Halas synonymous with the Chicago Bears, but the 88-year-old former coach is one of the best known figures in professional football as well. Sixty-four years ago Halas met with a small group of football enthusiasts to form the American Professional Football Association, the direct predecessor of the NFL. In 1923, as a player for the Bears, Halas set an NFL record which stood for 49 years when he recovered a Jim Thorpe fumble and returned it 98 yards for a score. As head coach, Halas directed the team for 40 seasons, and no other football coach, professional or college, can match his record of 326 wins. A native of Chicago, Halas served in the Navy during both World Wars. His achievements have been recognized by many over the years and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio displays a plaque in his honor which calls him "one of the most enduring personalities in any sports endeavor."



Edward W. McCaskey

Vice President

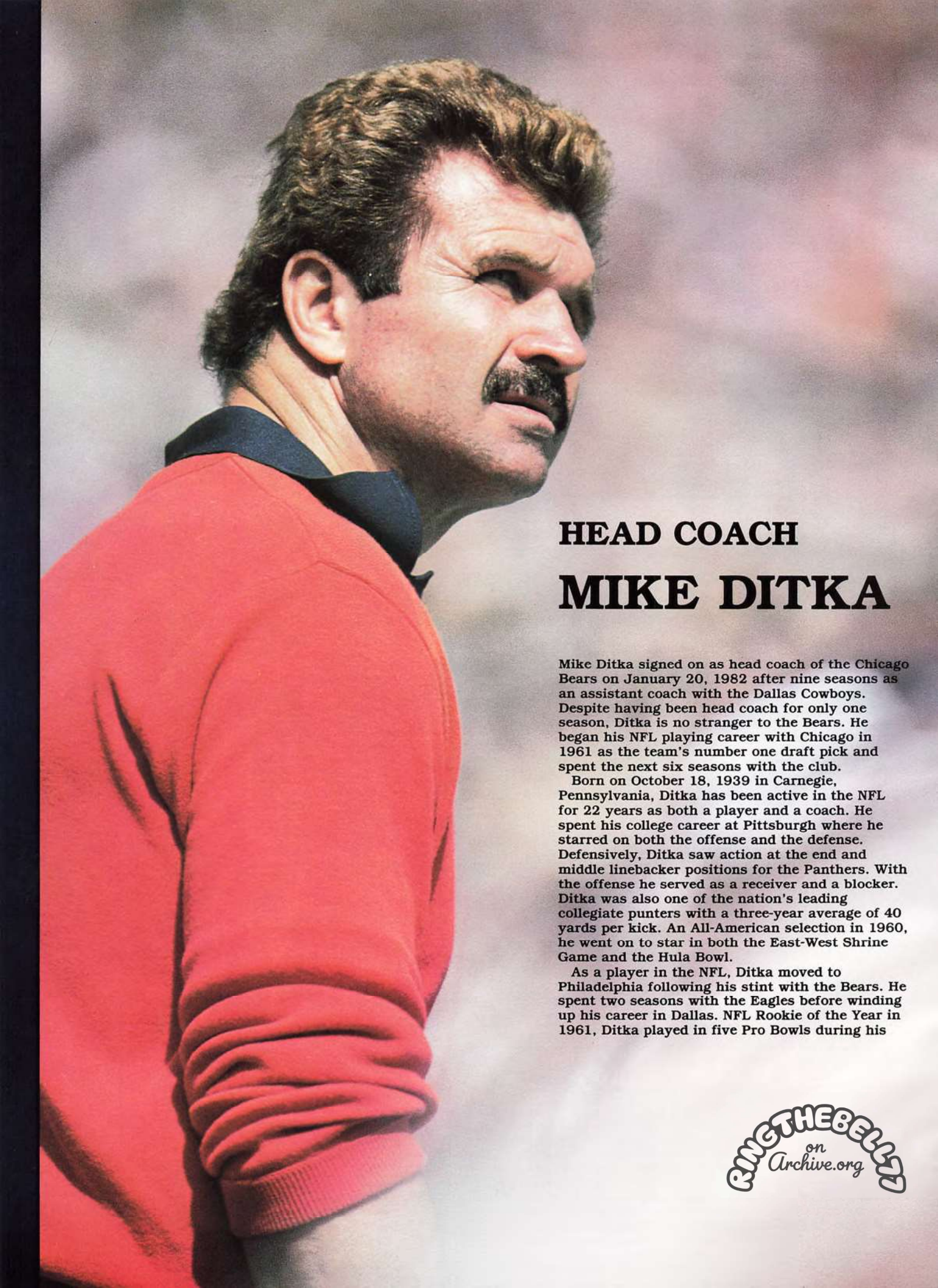
Edward McCaskey has been a Bears executive since 1967. A native of Philadelphia, he attended Penn and was elected class president. He was a Captain in the 80th infantry in France during World War II and came to Chicago in 1949. During his tenure with the Bears, McCaskey has been active on the Brian Piccolo Golf Tournament Committee and serves on the Board of Trustees for a number of community organizations. McCaskey and his wife, Virginia, have 11 children and live in Des Plaines, Illinois.



James E. Finks

Executive Vice President/General Manager

Jim Finks joined the Bears just two days prior to the opening of the 1974 season, beginning what has been a highly successful career with the team. His first exposure to the NFL came as a quarterback with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1949. Following his retirement as a player, Finks was a college coach (Notre Dame), a Canadian Football League scout and General Manager, and an NFL Club Vice President and GM. He has also served as a League Executive. Finks and his wife, Maxine, have four sons. He is a native of Salem, Illinois.



HEAD COACH

MIKE DITKA

Mike Ditka signed on as head coach of the Chicago Bears on January 20, 1982 after nine seasons as an assistant coach with the Dallas Cowboys. Despite having been head coach for only one season, Ditka is no stranger to the Bears. He began his NFL playing career with Chicago in 1961 as the team's number one draft pick and spent the next six seasons with the club.

Born on October 18, 1939 in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Ditka has been active in the NFL for 22 years as both a player and a coach. He spent his college career at Pittsburgh where he starred on both the offense and the defense. Defensively, Ditka saw action at the end and middle linebacker positions for the Panthers. With the offense he served as a receiver and a blocker. Ditka was also one of the nation's leading collegiate punters with a three-year average of 40 yards per kick. An All-American selection in 1960, he went on to star in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl.

As a player in the NFL, Ditka moved to Philadelphia following his stint with the Bears. He spent two seasons with the Eagles before winding up his career in Dallas. NFL Rookie of the Year in 1961, Ditka played in five Pro Bowls during his



career (1962-66). He also set an NFL record for tight ends by catching 75 passes for the Bears in 1964.

As a coach, Ditka has been associated with winners. During his tenure with the Cowboys the team made the playoffs every season but one. During that period the Cowboys won the NFC Championship three times and won the Super Bowl in 1977. Over his 22 years in the pro ranks Ditka has been with teams that have won five NFC Championships and three NFL Championships.



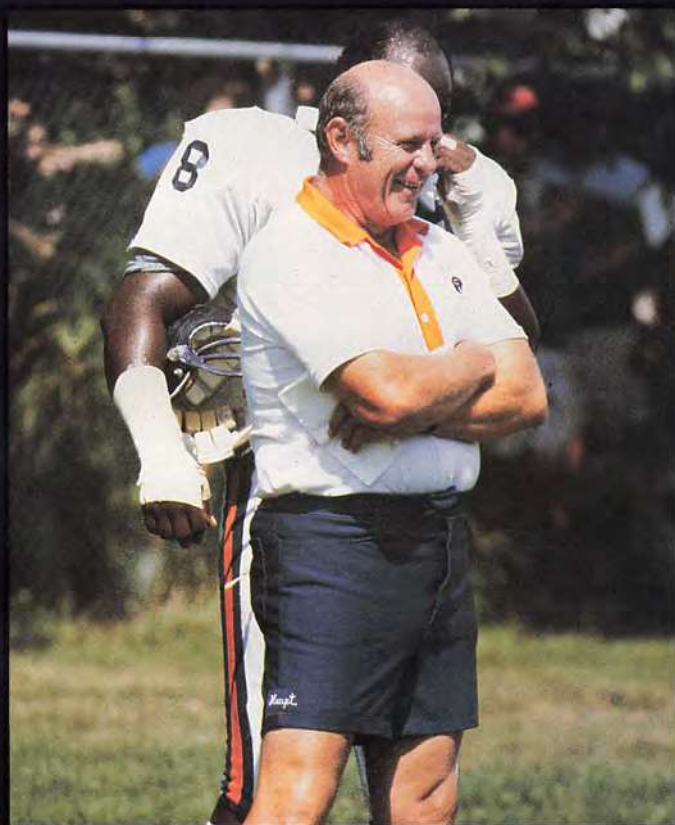
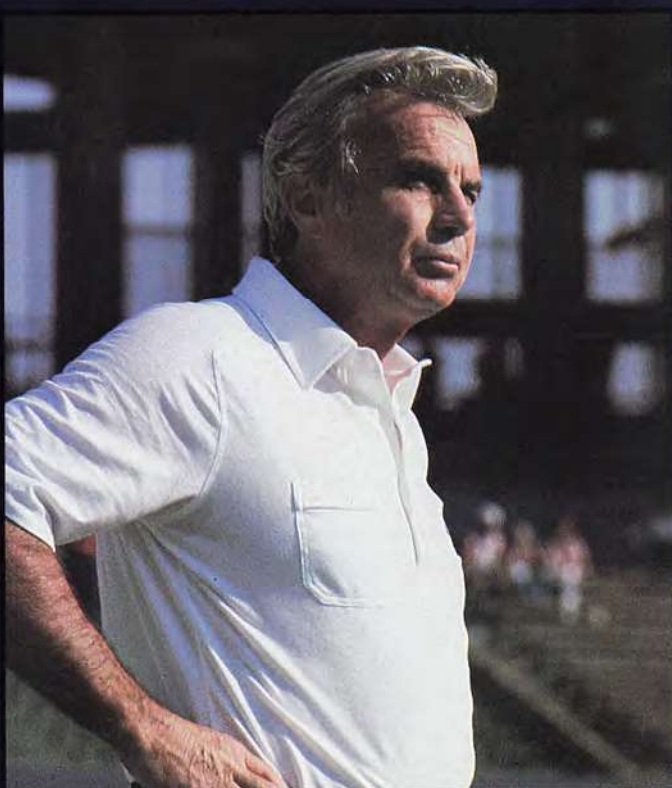
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THE ASSISTANT COACHES

Jim Dooley

Research and Quality Control

Jim Dooley, former head coach of the Bears from 1968 to 1971, is currently in charge of studying and evaluating players and teams throughout the League. His reports form the basis for the Bears' weekly game plans. A star halfback for Miami (Florida), Dooley was a first-round draft pick for Chicago in 1952 and spent nine seasons with the Bears. He's the Club's sixth all-time leading receiver (211-3, 172-16 TDs). Following his playing career, Dooley became a Bears assistant coach and worked with the offense from 1963-65 and the defense from 1966 to 1967. He was named head coach in 1968.



Dale Haupt

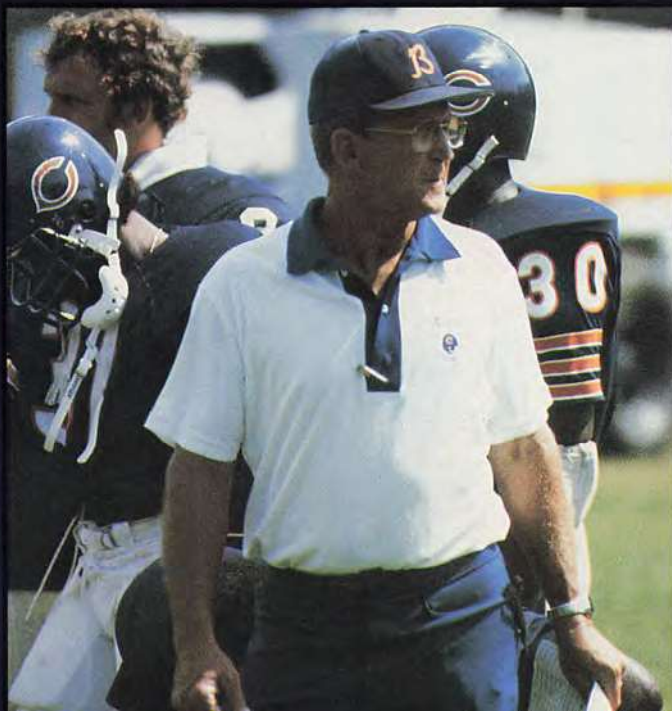
Defensive Line Coach

The Bears made only 27 sacks in 1977, the year before Dale Haupt joined the Bears' staff as defensive line coach. Since his arrival in 1978 the team has averaged 39 sacks per season on totals that read 40, 46, 47, 31 and 30 for last year's strike-shortened campaign. In coming to Chicago, Haupt brought with him seventeen years of college coaching experience that included stints with Tennessee, Iowa State, the University of Richmond, North Carolina, and Duke. Over those 17 seasons, Haupt's teams made six post-season bowl appearances. Haupt made his start in football as an All-Conference player at Wyoming. Drafted by Green Bay in 1954, Haupt chose to enter the army instead. After being discharged in 1957 he spent three years as a high school coach before taking his first college job with Tennessee.

Ed Hughes

Offensive Coordinator

When Mike Ditka named Ed Hughes offensive coordinator in February of 1982 it marked a reunion for the two coaches. Both had been on the staff with Dallas when Hughes served as the Cowboys' offensive backfield coach from 1973 through 1976. During Hughes' tenure with Dallas the team made the playoffs three times, including one trip to the Super Bowl. Hughes moved to the Saints for two seasons in 1978 and joined the Eagles as offensive assistant in 1981. Ed spent his college career at Tulsa and played pro ball with Los Angeles for two seasons before being traded to the New York Giants. He returned to Tulsa in 1959 as an assistant coach and began his professional coaching career the following year with the Dallas Texans. Over the years he's worked with a number of NFL teams including Denver, Washington, San Francisco, Houston, St. Louis and Detroit.



THE ASSISTANT COACHES

continued

Steve Kazor Special Teams Coach

Steve Kazor begins his second season in 1983 as the Bears' special teams coach. Before coming to Chicago, Kazor was in the scouting department for the Dallas Cowboys. Over the years, Kazor has worked with the football programs at Colorado State, Wyoming, Texas-El Paso, and the Camden Institute. He was also head coach at Emporia College, earning the distinction as the country's youngest college coach. Kazor, a native of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, spent his college career at Westminster where he was a starter all four years.



Jim LaRue Defensive Secondary Coach

Rule changes have recently made the job of the receiver easier. At the same time, it's made the job of Jim LaRue more difficult. The Bears' defensive secondary coach, LaRue has been with the Club since 1978 following two seasons as a member of the Buffalo Bills coaching staff. Prior to entering the NFL in 1975, LaRue worked as an assistant at six major colleges and also served as head coach for a successful University of Arizona team. Jim was a two-way halfback in college at Carson-Newman, Duke, and Maryland during the World War II era. Although drafted twice, LaRue chose instead to pursue a career in coaching and teaching.



Ted Plumb Receivers Coach

In 1980, the Chicago Bears had more yards passing than any Bears team in the preceeding 15 years. The team did even better in 1981, thanks in large part to the coaching abilities of receivers coach, Ted Plumb. Plumb has been an offensive coach in the pro ranks for ten years. He joined the Bears in January of 1980 after three seasons each with Atlanta and the New York Giants. A coach for the past eighteen years, Plumb played college ball at Baylor and appeared in two post-season bowl games. He joined the staff at Texas Christian University and also had stints with Tulsa and Kansas before starting his NFL coaching career with the Giants in 1974.





James (Buddy) Ryan

Defensive Coordinator

In the 1960s the Bears had a reputation as being a hard hitting, tough defensive team. Over the past five seasons the team has regained its reputation as one of the NFL's toughest teams with the help of defensive coordinator James (Buddy) Ryan. One of a few coaches to have been to Super Bowls with two different teams, Ryan has been with a winner (1969 Jets) and a loser (1977 Vikings). The Oklahoma State graduate began his coaching career at the University of Buffalo in 1961 and also worked at Vanderbilt and the University of the Pacific before joining the Jets in 1968.



Dick Stanfel

Offensive Line Coach

A four-time All-Pro guard and former All-American at the University of San Francisco, offensive line coach Dick Stanfel begins his third season with the Bears in 1983. Stanfel has gained respect throughout the League as an outstanding coach in his 19 years in the NFL. The League's MVP in 1954 with Detroit, Stanfel led the Lions to the NFL Championship that season. After winding up his pro career in Washington, Stanfel began his coaching career with Notre Dame in 1959. He entered the pro ranks in 1964 joining the staff of the Philadelphia Eagles where he remained until 1970. In the 1970s he worked with San Francisco and New Orleans, serving as the Saints interim head coach for the final four games of the 1980 season.



Johnny Roland

Offensive Backfield Coach

Beginning his first season with the Bears, offensive backfield coach Johnny Roland has a long history in the NFL as both a player and a coach. A fourth-round pick of the St. Louis Cardinals, Roland made his pro debut in 1966 and earned Pro Bowl honors the following two seasons. He spent seven seasons with the Cardinals and one with the New York Giants compiling some impressive statistics during his career, including 1,015 carries for 3,750 yards and 153 receptions for 1,430 yards. He also scored 34 TDs. In 1975 Roland joined his former college coach, Dan Devine, and became an assistant with the Green Bay Packers. He moved to Philadelphia in 1976 and spent three seasons with the Eagles.



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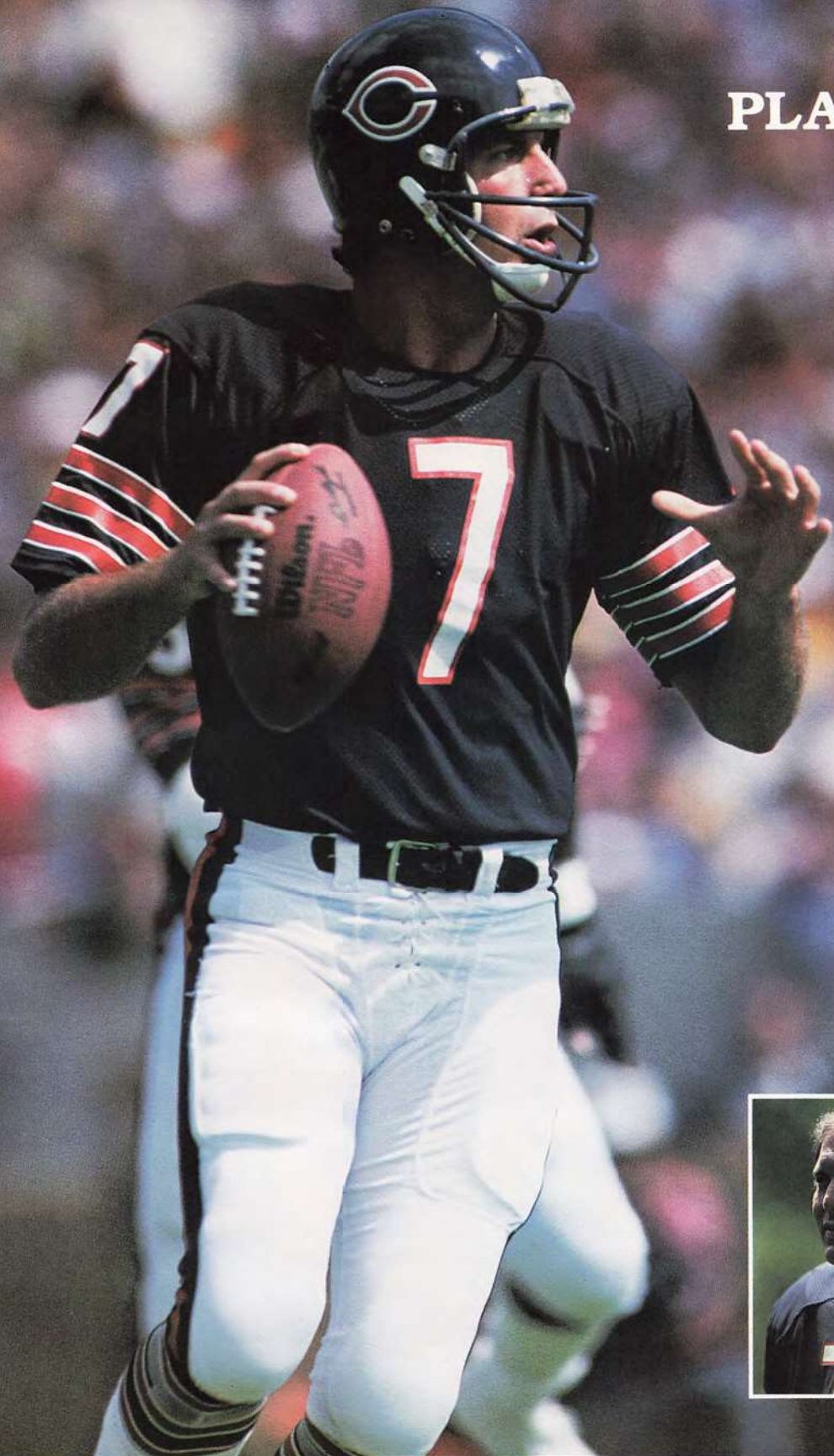
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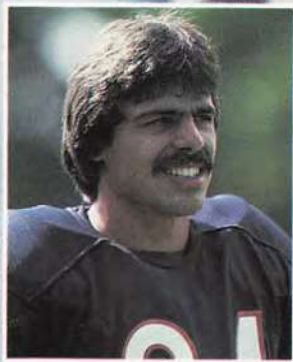
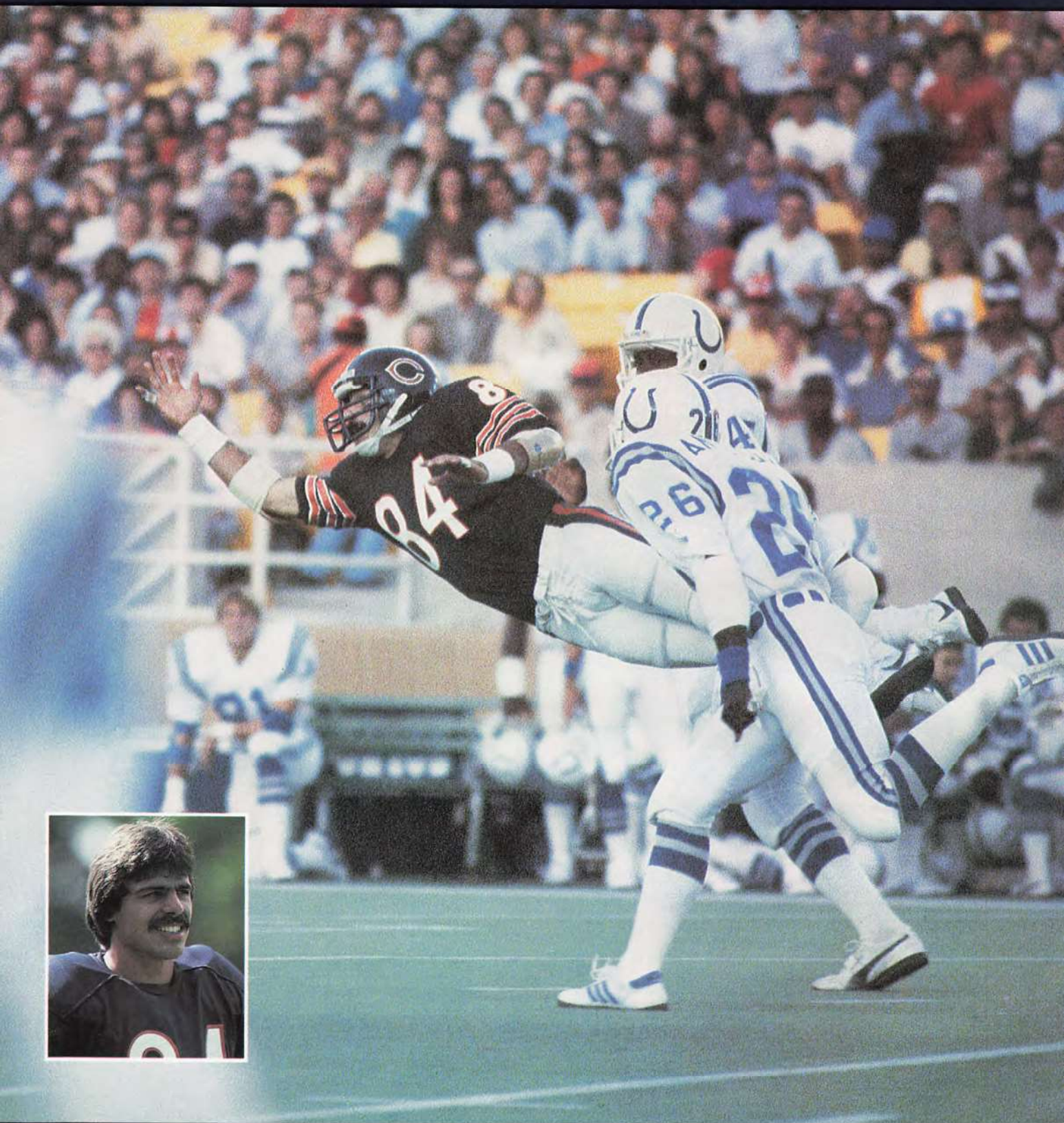
THE PLAYERS



7 **Bob Avellini** Quarterback

6'2" • 210 lbs. • Born 8-28-53
Maryland • 9th year • D-6a in '75

An eight-year veteran of the Bears, Bob Avellini is one of the NFL's most durable quarterbacks, having never missed a game due to injury. In 1975, his rookie season, Bob made his first of 42 consecutive starts. The string, when it ended in 1978, was the NFL's longest. Over the years the strong righthander has appeared in 67 games for the Bears. He experienced his best season in 1977 when he threw for 2,004 yards and 11 touchdowns. While a player at Maryland, Avellini set a number of school and conference records and led the Terps to an ACC Championship his senior year. Bob is single and resides in Chicago.



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Brian Baschnagel

Wide Receiver

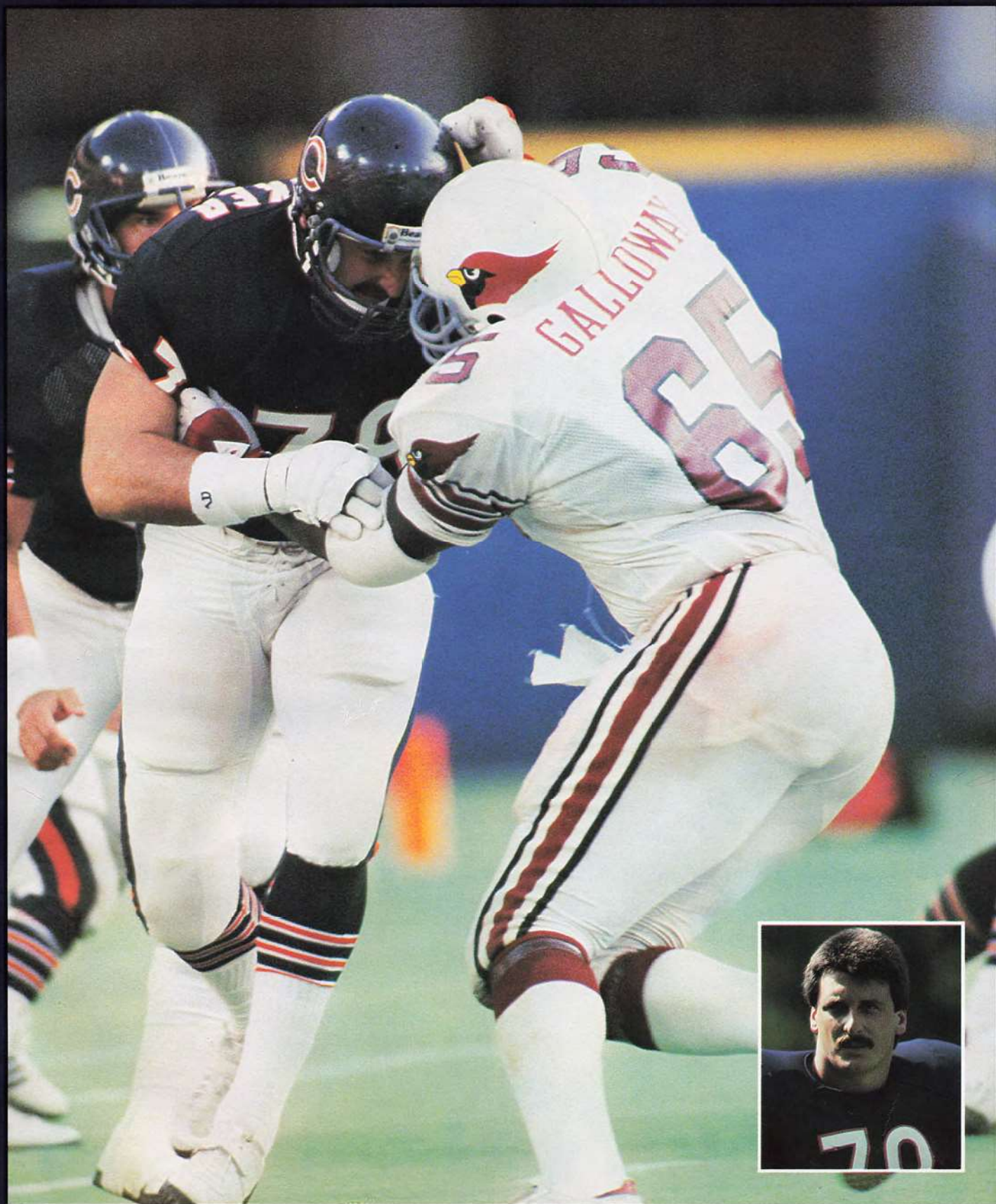
6' • 184 lbs. • Born 1-8-54
Ohio State • 8th year • D-3 in '76

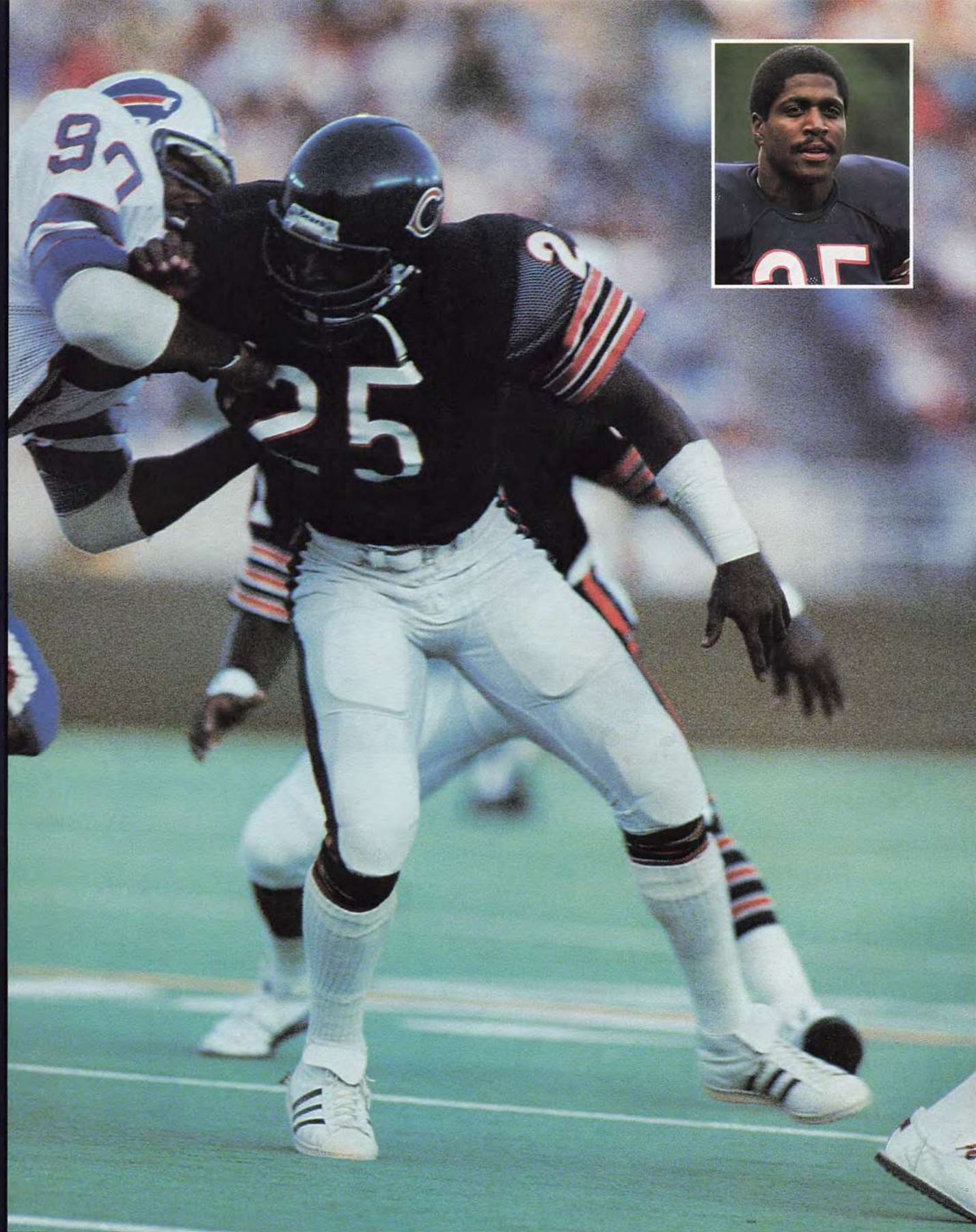
Brian Baschnagel begins his eighth season with Chicago ranked 15th on the team's all-time receiving list and 13th in total yardage. In 1982 Brian started every game at flanker for the Bears and was second in special team tackles with 14. In his rookie year Baschnagel led the NFL in kick-off returns with 754 yards and was the Bears' leader his first three seasons. As a receiver, his best season came in 1981 when he made 34 catches for 554 yards. His career total for receiving yardage stands at 1,901. A two-time academic All-American at Ohio State, Brian has appeared in four Rose Bowls.

79

Kurt Becker
Guard6'5" • 270 lbs. • Born 12-22-58
Michigan • 2nd year • D-6 in '82

Kurt Becker saw action in the final five games of the 1982 season for the Bears. Selected in the sixth-round of the 1982 draft, Becker was on the inactive list for the first two games of the season. A consensus All-American at Michigan, Becker was also a Lombardi Trophy semi-finalist and co-captain of a team ranked 13th nationally in rushing offense.



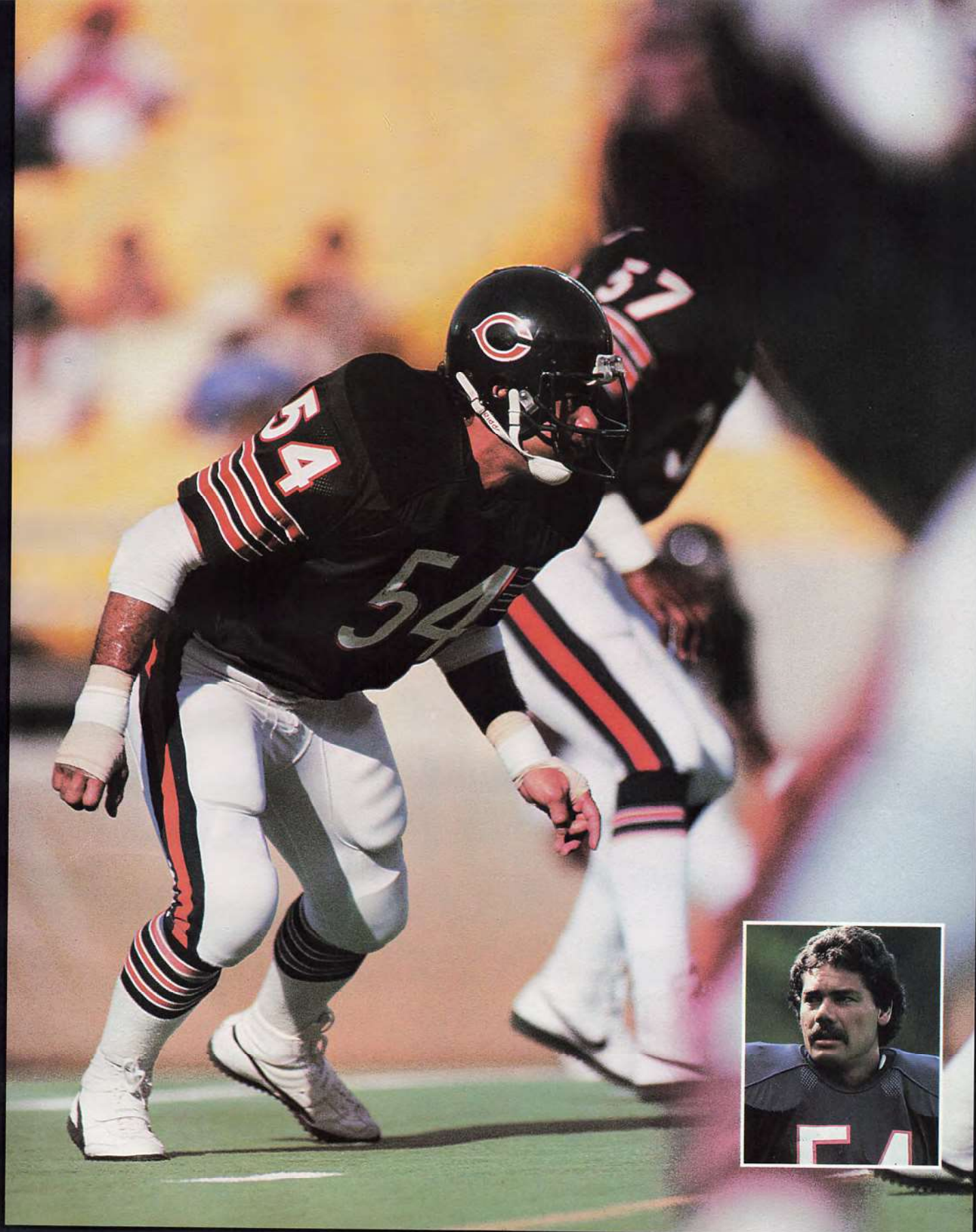


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Todd Bell
Safety

6'1/2" • 207 lbs. • Born 11-28-58
Ohio State • 3rd year • D-4 in '81

Safety Todd Bell begins his third season with the Bears in 1983. A fourth-round pick in the 1981 draft, Bell has seen action at both the free safety and strong safety positions. In 1981 his 28 special team tackles ranked him second on the team. That same season Bell intercepted a pass by Detroit's Eric Hipple and returned it 92 yards for a touchdown, the fourth longest interception return in Chicago history. At Ohio State, Todd played in 47 of 48 games for the Buckeyes and was named UPI and NEA second team All-American.



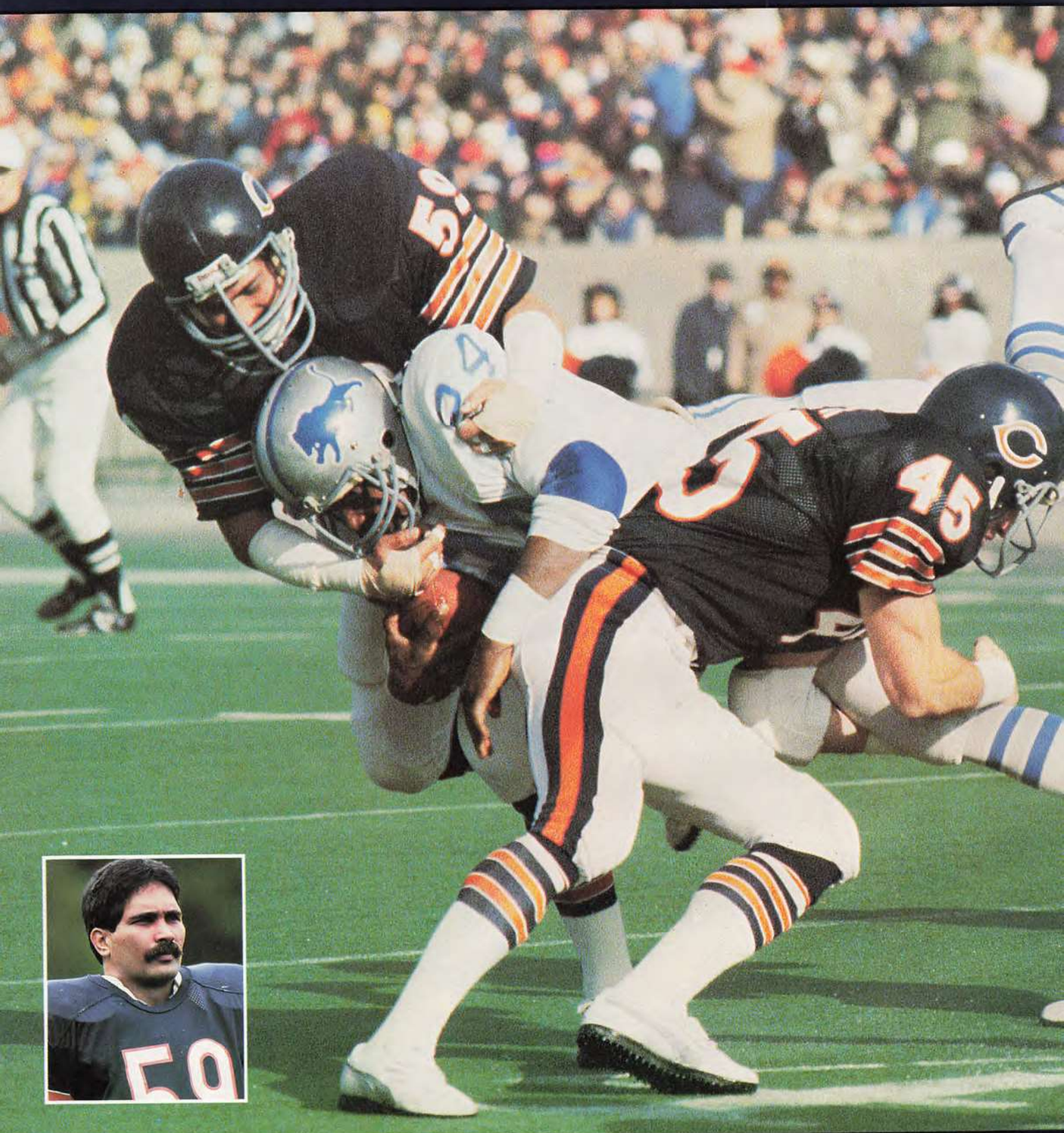
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Brian Cabral

Linebacker

6'1" • 224 lbs. • Born 6-23-56
Colorado • 5th year • FA in '81

Noted as being "tougher than nine miles of detour," linebacker Brian Cabral has led the special teams in tackles over the last two seasons. Drafted in the fourth-round by the Atlanta Falcons in 1979, Cabral played one season there and made another stop in Green Bay before signing with the Bears as a free agent in 1981. As a player with Colorado, Brian appeared in the Blue-Gray Game and was a member of the varsity for three years.



59

Gary Campbell
Linebacker

6'1" • 220 lbs. • Born 3-4-52
Colorado • 7th year • FA in '77

Since joining the Bears as a free agent in 1977, linebacker Gary Campbell has started 73 consecutive games. Gary had stints with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Calgary of the CFL before signing with the Bears. In 1980 he grabbed a career-high three interceptions and has averaged 108 tackles per season as a regular. His 12 tackles versus the Rams in 1979 was a personal game-high. At Colorado, Gary set a freshman rushing mark before switching to the linebacker position following his sophomore year. Gary and his wife, Jennifer, live in Schaumburg with their daughter.



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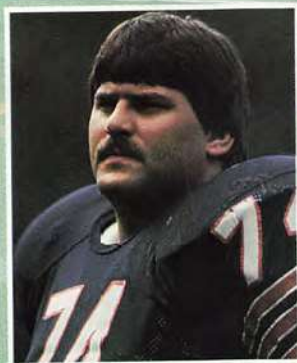
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Al Chesley**Linebacker****6'3" • 240 lbs.****Born 8-23-57****Pittsburgh****5th year • W in '82**

Philadelphia's 11th-round draft pick in 1979, linebacker Al Chesley started every game for the Eagles in 1979, linebacker Al Chesley started every game for the Eagles in 1981 and the first two in 1982 before coming to Chicago on waivers. As a college player with Pittsburgh, Al played on victorious Panther teams in both the Gator and Sugar Bowls. He was also named All-East as a senior following a season in which he collected 143 tackles, five sacks, and three interceptions. Chesley is single and lives in Westville, New Jersey.





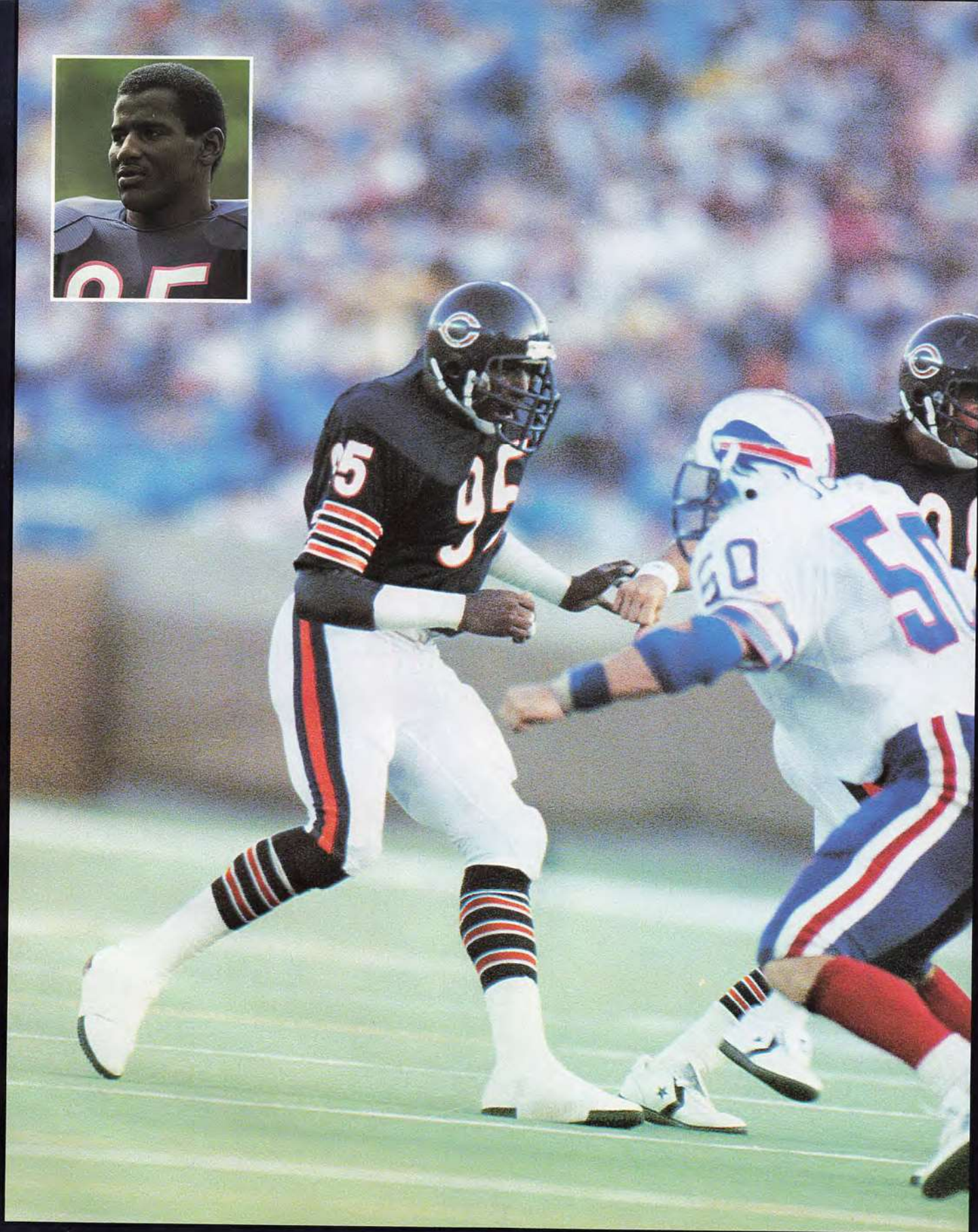
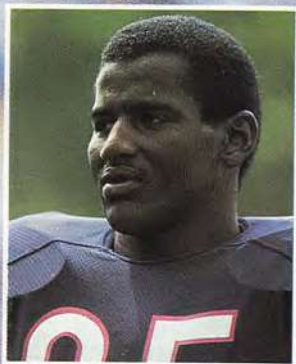
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Jim Covert

Tackle

6'4" • 271 lbs. • Born 3-22-60
Pittsburgh • Rookie • D-1a in '83

The sixth player chosen overall in last spring's draft, rookie tackle Jim Covert was a two-time All-American at Pitt and a Lombardi Trophy semi-finalist. A dedicated weight-lifter, Covert gave up only three sacks in three years, none during his senior season in which the Panthers averaged 34 passes a game. He was red-shirted early in 1979 after suffering a shoulder injury which required surgery. Covert played in both the Senior and the Hula Bowls.

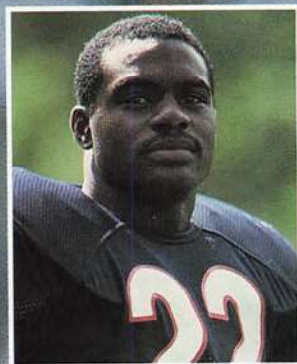
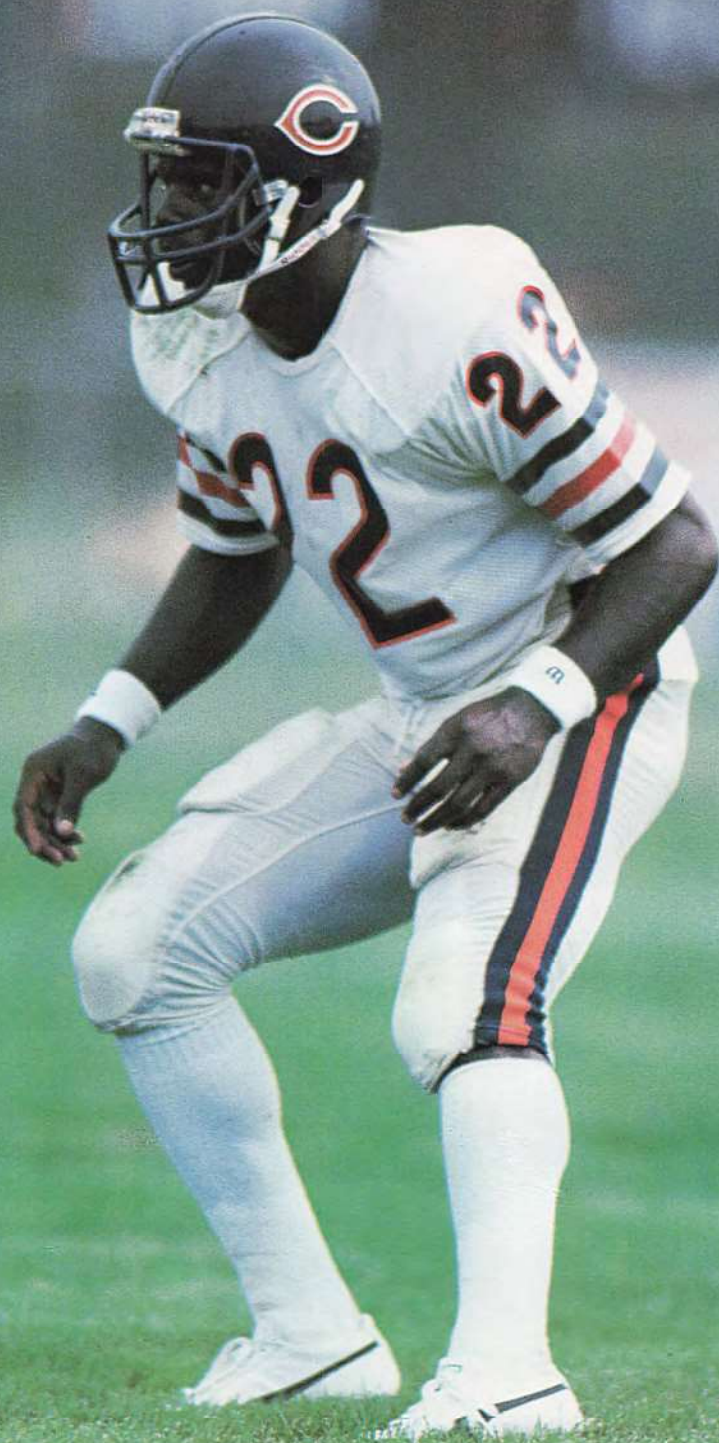


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Richard Dent
Defensive End

6'2" • 240 lbs. • Born 12-13-60
Tennessee State • Rookie • D-8a in '83

The Bears' eighth-round pick in 1983, Richard Dent was a three-year starter at Tennessee State where he set a school record with 39 career sacks. He also collected 158 total tackles, 72 of which were solo, and had six fumble recoveries. According to Coach Mike Ditka, "Dent has both speed and quickness. He might be the pass rush specialist that we are seeking."

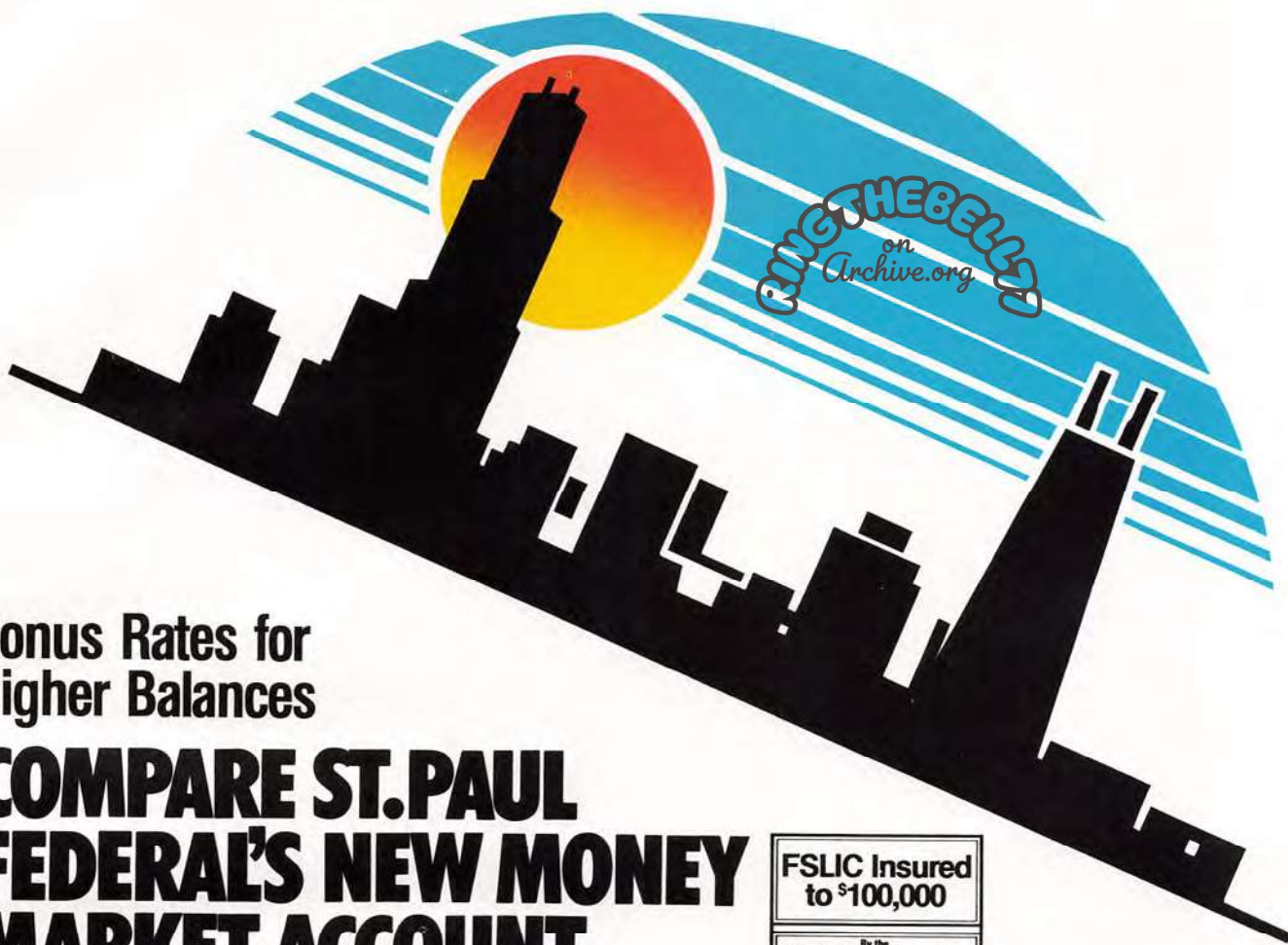


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Dave Duerson
Cornerback

6' • 202 lbs. • Born 11-28-60
Notre Dame • Rookie • D-3 in '83

A four-year starter at Notre Dame, cornerback Dave Duerson set an Irish record with 265 career interception yards on 12 interceptions. The Bears' third-round draft pick in 1983 also returned 103 punts (a record) for 869 yards, second on the school's all-time list. The team captain and MVP in 1982, Duerson had 176 tackles, 16 punt deflections, and three fumble recoveries in his career with Notre Dame. An All-American, Duerson also played in the Hula Bowl.



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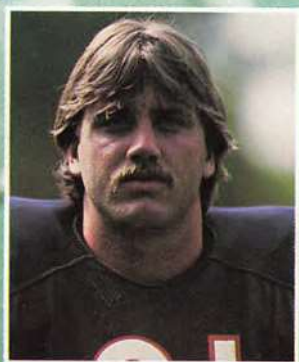
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Pat Dunsmore
Tight End

6'2" • 230 lbs. • Born 10-2-57
Drake • Rookie • D-4b in '83

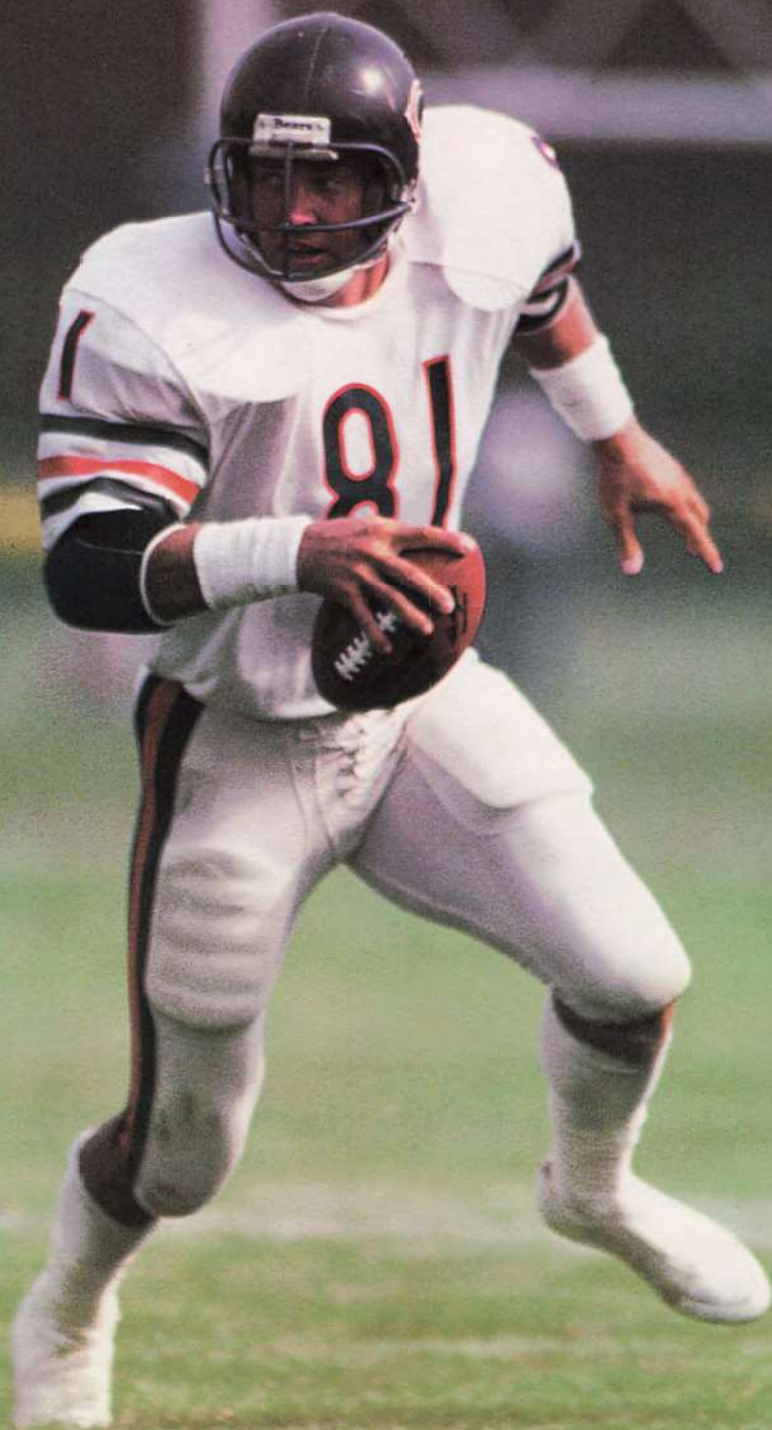
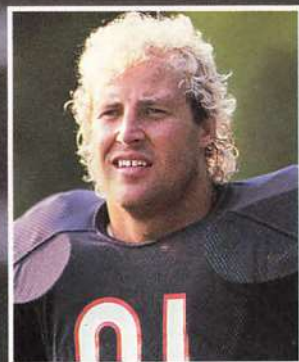
A fourth-round draft pick for the Bears, rookie Pat Dunsmore was an All-American at Drake who switched from wide receiver to the tight end position. He was the Bulldogs' third leading career receiver with 128 receptions for 1,771 yards and seven touchdowns. "He is the size tight end we'd like to have," says Ditka, adding, "He has good speed and catches the ball very well."

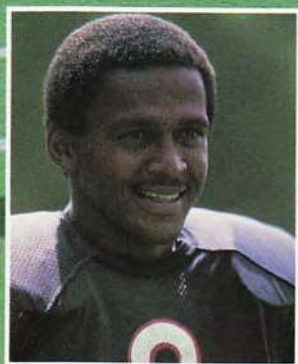
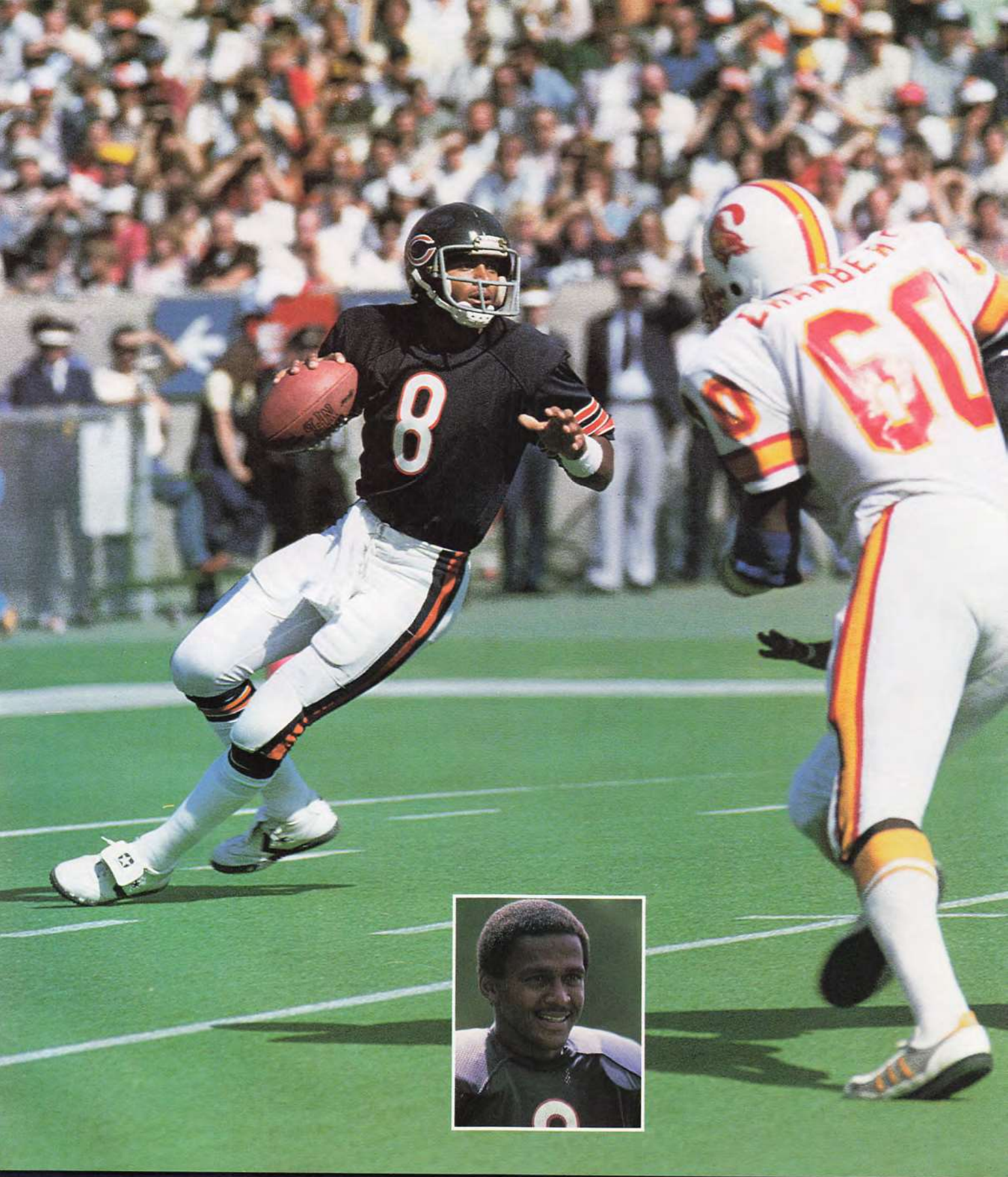
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Robin Earl**Tight End**

6'5" · 240 lbs. · Born 3-18-55
Washington · 7th year · D-3 in '77

Robin Earl spent the 1982 season as a reserve tight end for the Bears. The previous season Earl played in all 16 games, starting in 15 of them. Though originally selected in the third round of the 1977 draft as a fullback, he made a successful transition to the tight end position in 1980 following an injury to Mike Cobb. That season Earl started in the final 13 games for Chicago and his five catches in a game against Cleveland were the most by a Bears tight end since 1977. Robin spent his college career at the University of Washington where he became the Huskies' second leading rusher of all time.





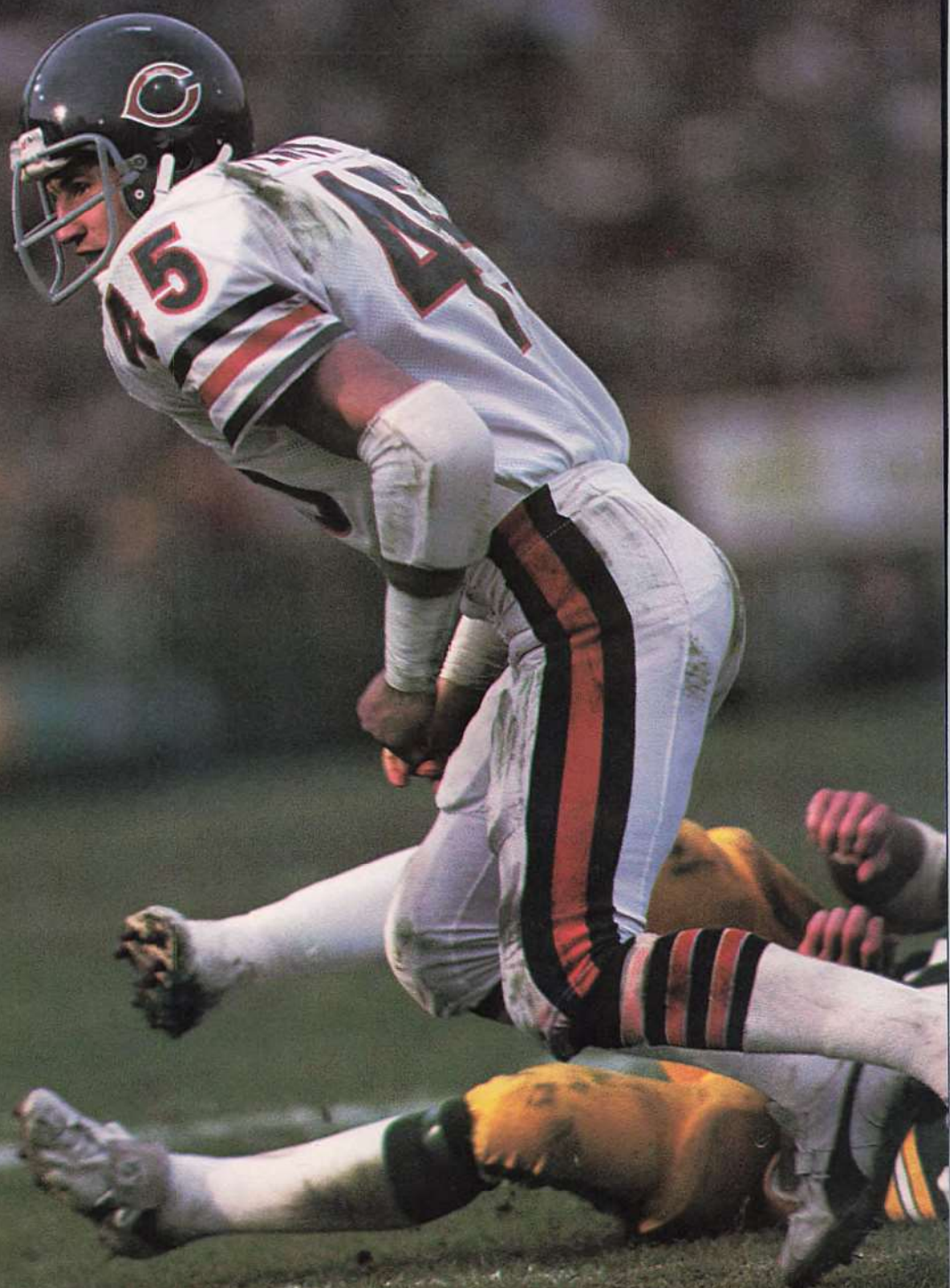
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Vince Evans

Quarterback

6'2" • 212 lbs. • Born 6-14-55
Southern Cal • 7th year • D-6 in '77

Versatile quarterback Vince Evans is known both for his strong arm and quick feet. In 1981 Vince led the NFL in rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with eight. That same season he threw for 7 completions of 48 or more yards. In 1981, after not practicing because of an injury, Evans came back to hit 26 of 43 for 307 yards and two touchdowns against Minnesota. The righthander collected 26 touchdowns in three years at USC and was named MVP in the Trojans 1977 Rose Bowl victory over Michigan. Vince lives with his wife, Chyla, in Chicago.

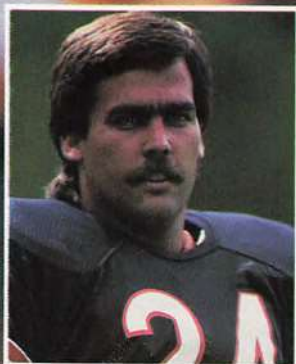


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Gary Fencik
Safety

6'1" • 197 lbs. • Born 6-11-54
Yale • 8th year • FA in '76

The honors keep coming for Bears safety Gary Fencik. Last season he was named to *The Sporting News* All-NFL team and UPI's All-NFC while in 1981 the PFWA named him to the All-NFL team. Last year, for the fifth time in six seasons, Fencik led the Bears in tackles with 82. Since signing with the Bears as a free agent in 1976, Gary has played in 97 of 100 games and has collected 723 tackles. He ranks eighth on the Bears all-time interceptions list with 23 and was also the team leader in 1981 with 6 interceptions. As a wide-receiver at Yale, Gary set a school record with 82 receptions for 1,435 yards and seven touchdowns. He is a Chicago native and lives in the area.



24

Jeff Fisher

Safety -
Punt Returns

5'10" • 195 lbs
Born 2-25-58
Southern Cal
3rd year • D-7 in '81

In his two seasons with the Bears, Jeff Fisher has been the Club leader in punt returns. In 1981 the talented California native set Chicago records returning 43 punts for 509 yards. His 88-yard punt return against Tampa Bay in 1981 was the longest return ever in Soldier Field. Jeff was also outstanding at the safety position in 1982 finishing second in interceptions with three. A seventh-round pick in the 1981 draft, Jeff spent his college career at USC where he played wide receiver for two years before switching to the cornerback position his junior year.

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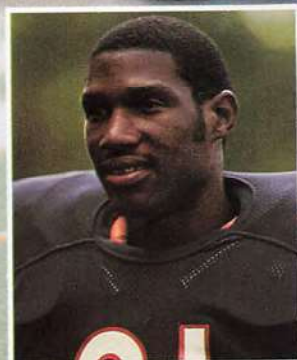
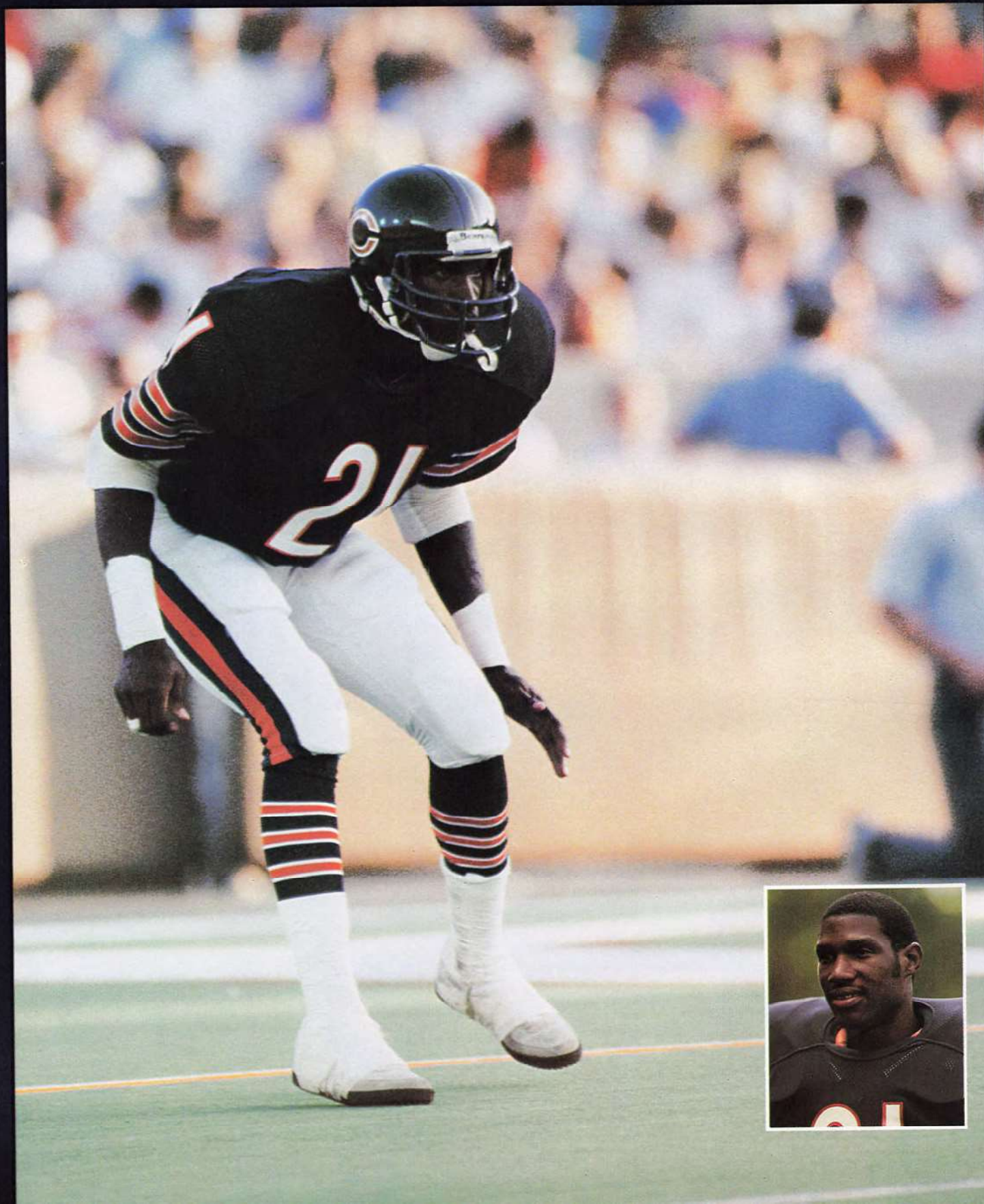
Leslie Frazier

Cornerback

6' • 189 lbs. • Born 4-3-59

Alcorn State • 3rd year • FA in '81

Cornerback Leslie Frazier played in all nine games last season for the Bears and led the Club in deflections with 12. In 1981 he was one of four rookie defensive backs to make the team and saw action in 12 games. A three-year letterman at Alcorn State, Frazier was named to the All-Conference team twice and was also honored as a member of the Kodak All-American Team.



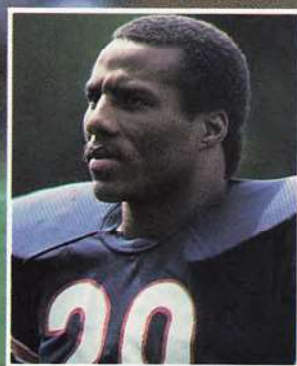
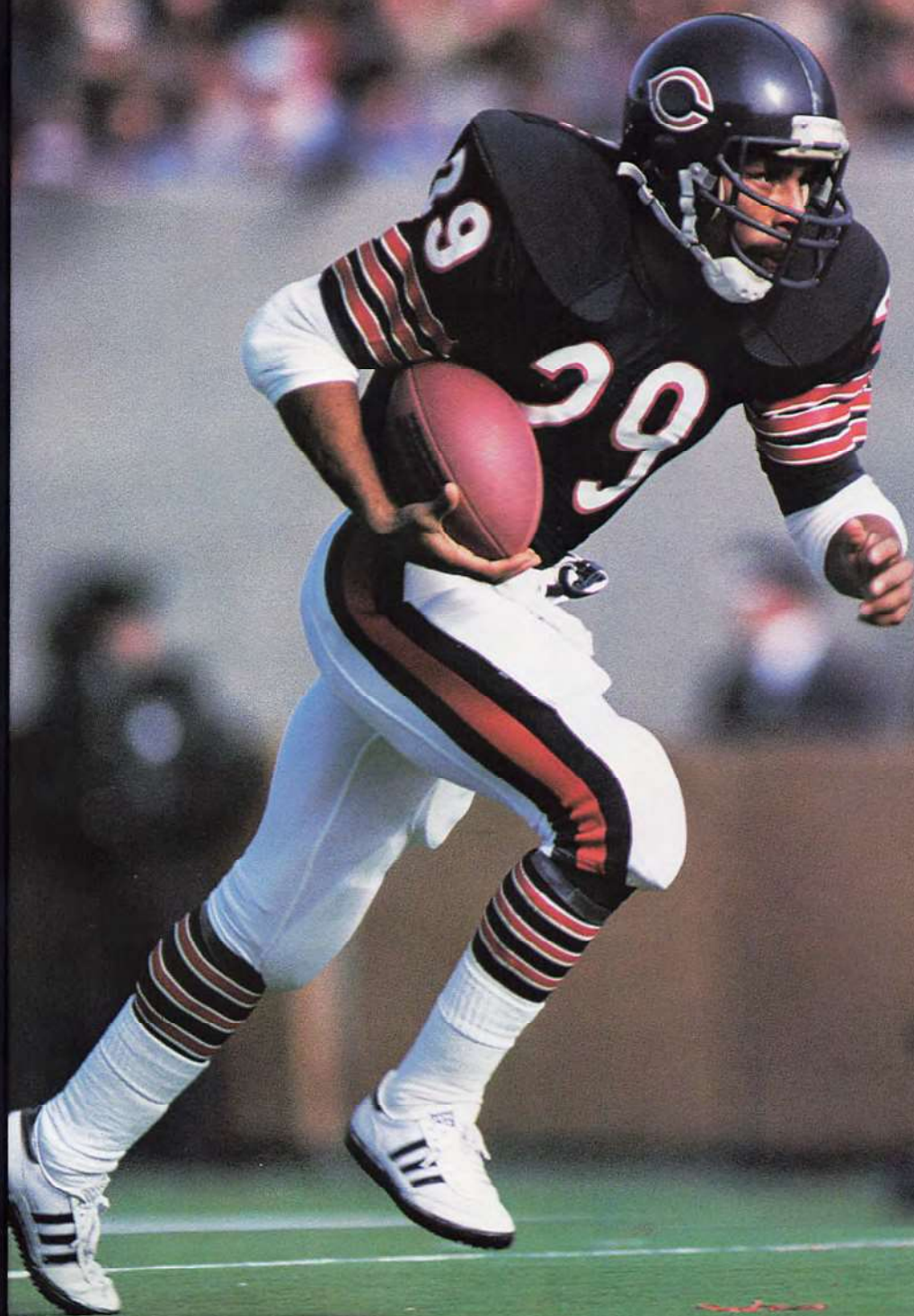


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Dennis Gentry
Running Back

5'8" • 173 lbs. • Born 2-10-59
Baylor • 2nd year • D-4 in '82

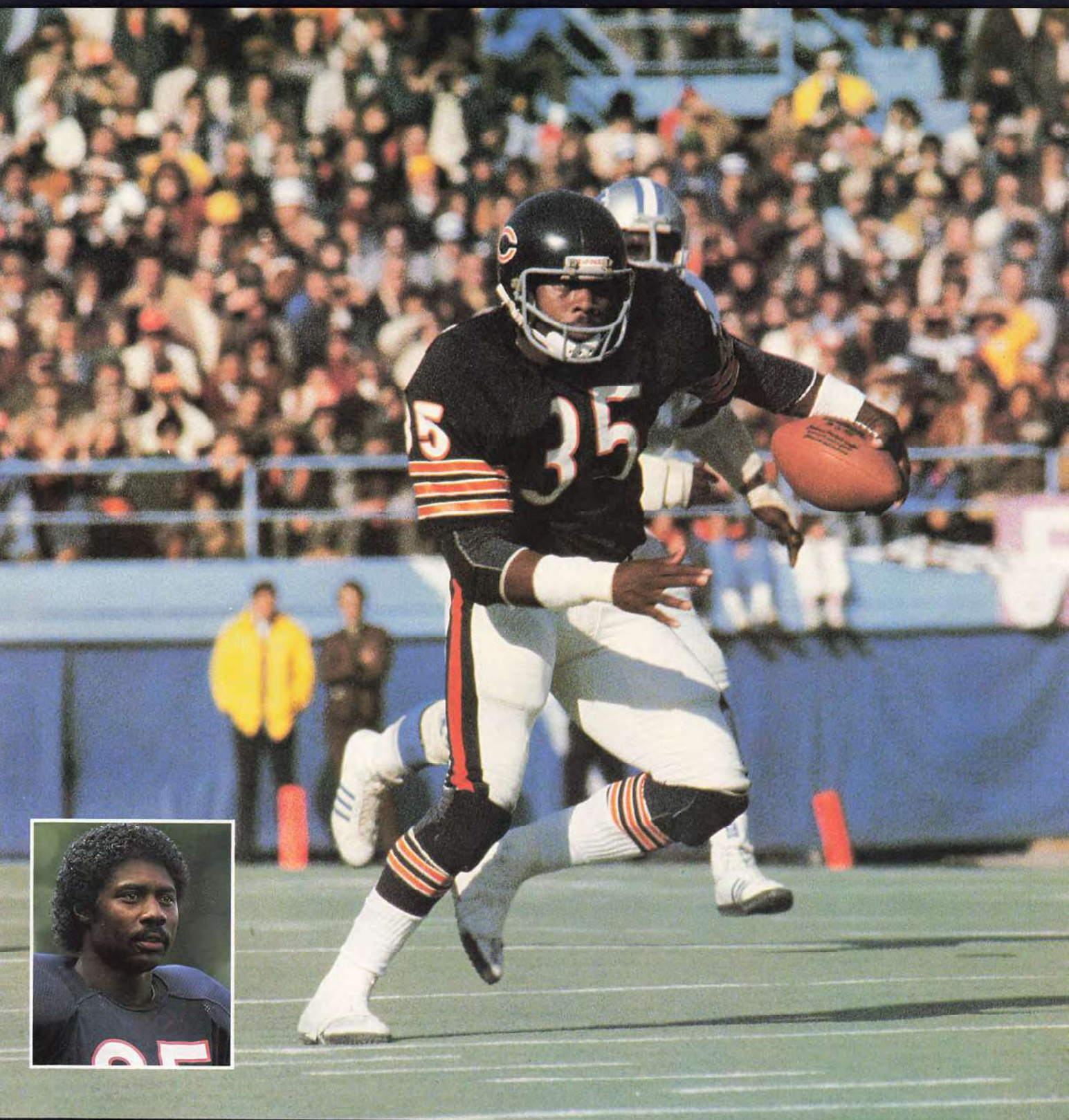
Dennis Gentry ranked third in special team tackles for the Bears last season with 11. He also ranked second in kickoff and punt returns. The number two rusher in Baylor history, Gentry was a three-year starter there and compiled career stats that included 2,213 yards in 414 carries and 14 touchdowns. According to Coach Mike Ditka, "Gentry will fit in with our offense more this year and be much more of a contributing factor."

99

Dan Hampton
Defensive End/Tackle6'5" • 270 lbs. • Born 9-19-57
Arkansas • 5th year • D-1a in '79

A second Pro-Bowl appearance was only one of many honors bestowed upon Dan Hampton following the 1982 season. He was also named to the PFWA All-NFL team and PFW Most Valuable Defensive Player. Last season the talented defenseman led the team with seven sacks and was second in tackles with 71. His first Pro-Bowl appearance came in 1980 after he finished the season with a team-leading 11½ sacks. As a player at Arkansas, Hampton was an All-American his senior year and played in the Senior, Fiesta, Orange and Cotton Bowls during his career with the Razorbacks. With the Bears Dan has never missed a start, and has collected 282 career tackles. He and his wife, Terry, live in north suburban Lake Bluff.





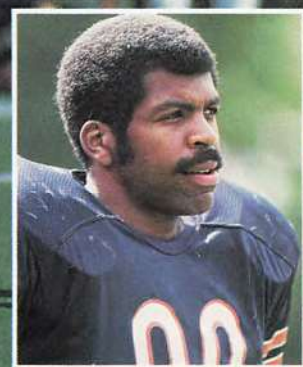
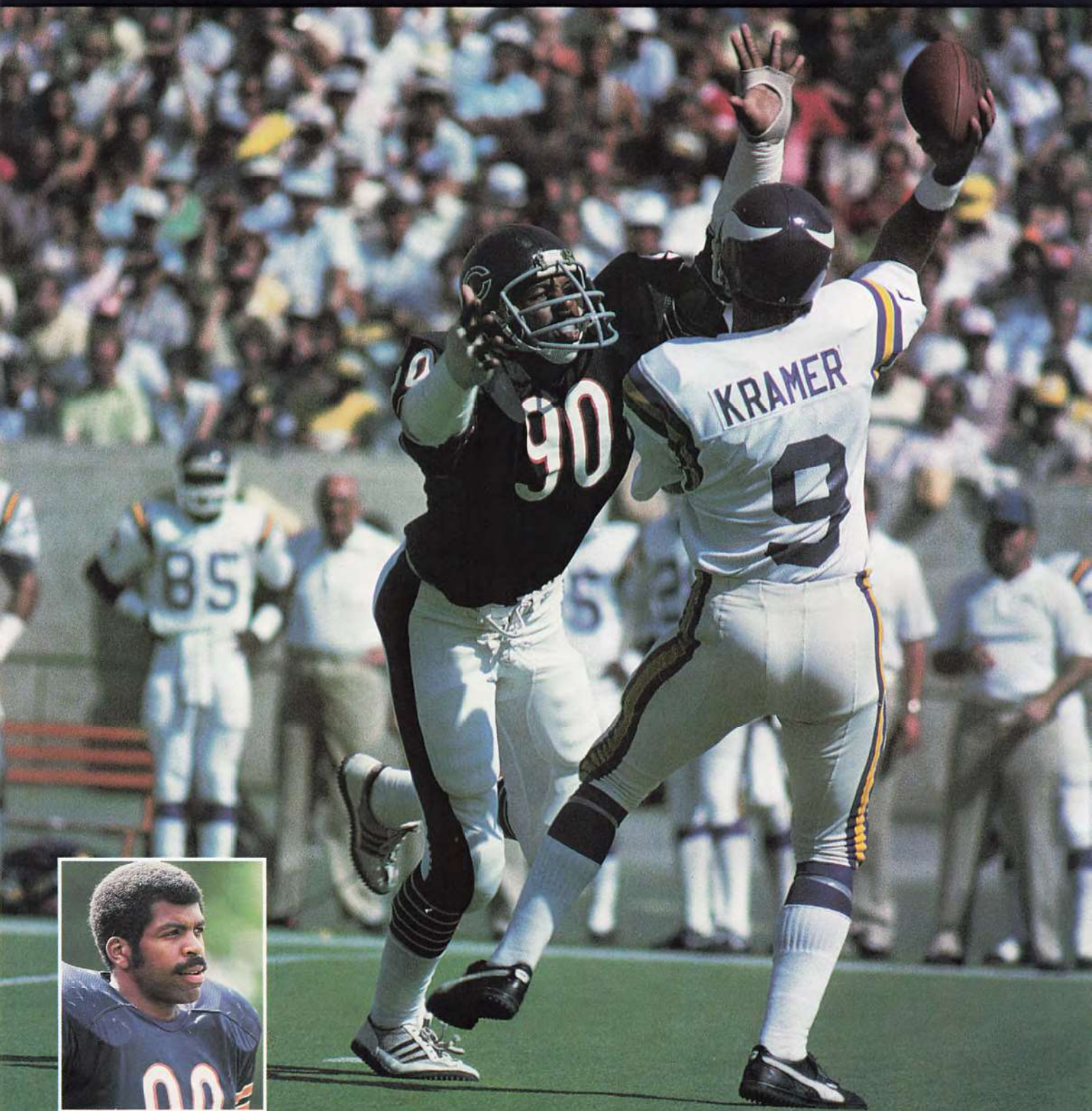
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Roland Harper

Fullback

5'11½" • 210 lbs. • Born 2-28-53
Louisiana Tech • 9th year • D-17 in '75

Despite having suffered some frustrating injuries, fullback Roland Harper is the fourth leading rusher in Bears history with 3,044 yards. He racked up his best rushing totals during the 1978 season when he nearly broke the 1,000 yard mark carrying the ball 240 times for 992 yards. The Club's 1975 Brian Piccolo Award winner, Roland spent his college career at Louisiana Tech where he became the school's second leading rusher of all-time with 1,949 yards in 371 carries. Roland and his wife, Alice, live with their three children in Gurnee, Illinois.



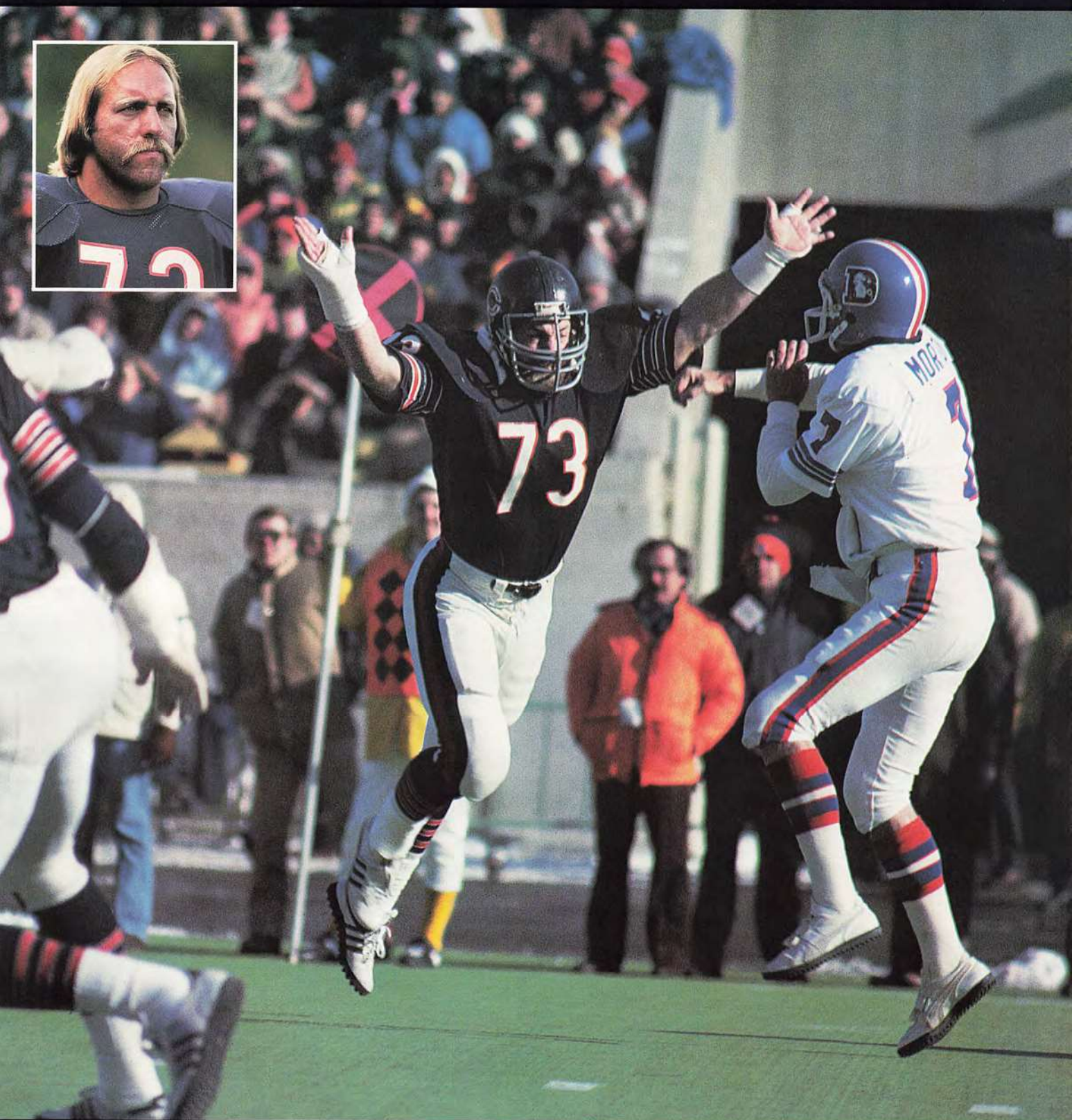
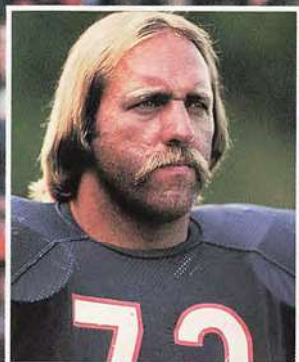
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Al Harris

Defensive End

6'4" • 250 lbs. • Born 12-31-56
Arizona State • 5th year • D-1-b in '79

Al Harris started in seven games for the Bears last season and would have started every game had it not been for injuries. Al's career has been checkered by frustrating injuries. His debut in the NFL was delayed when knee surgery kept the talented defenseman on the injured reserve list for the first eight games of his rookie year. Despite the injuries, Harris has collected 88 tackles over the last two seasons with the Bears. His best performance to date came in a game against the Chiefs in 1981 in which he collected 11 tackles and had two fumble recoveries. A consensus All-American at Arizona State, Al was a finalist for the Lombardi and Outland Trophies and collected 11 tackles in a 1978 Fiesta Bowl appearance against Penn State.



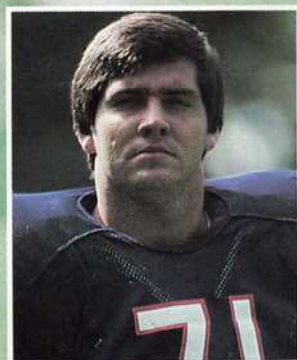
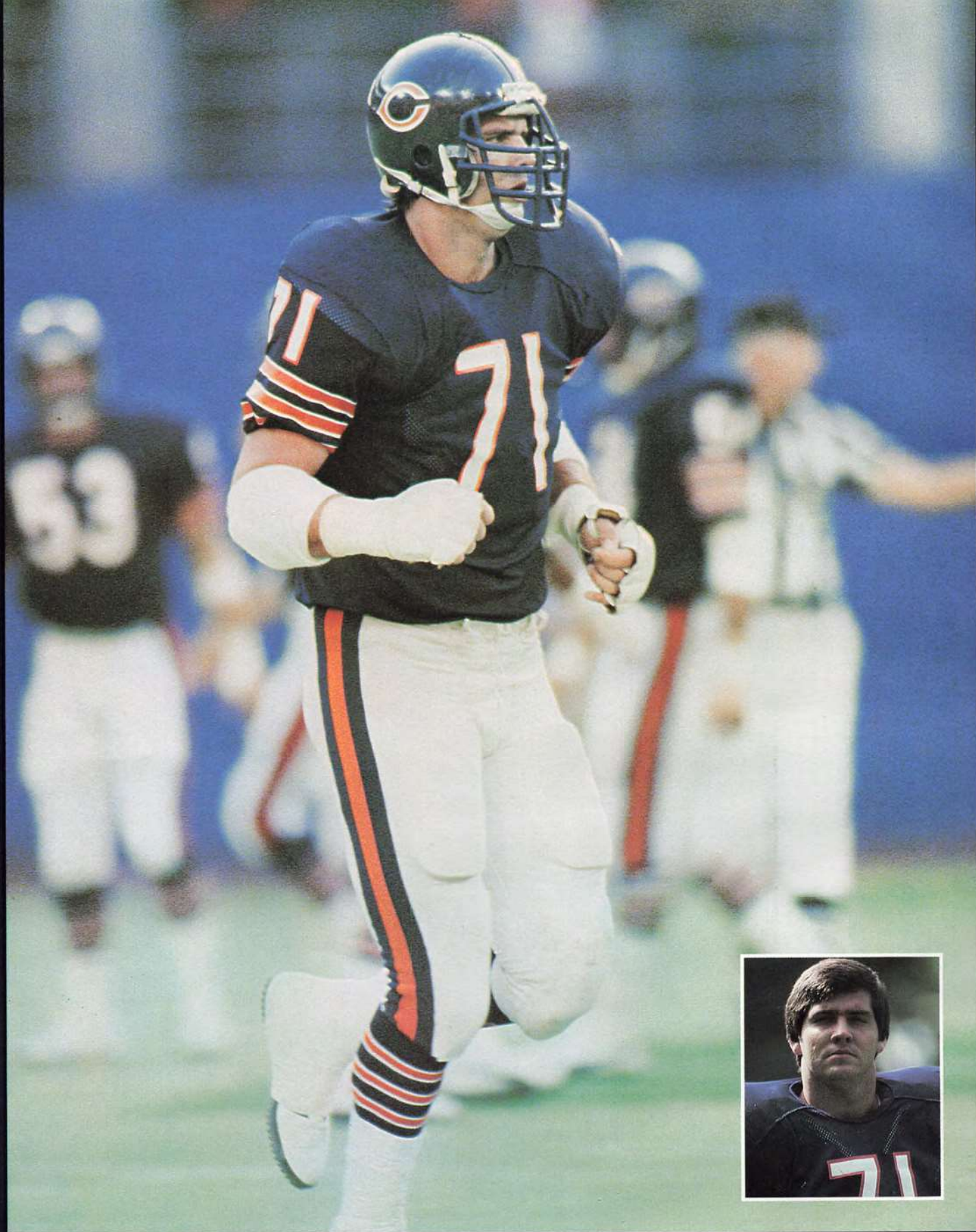
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Mike Hartenstine

Defensive End

6'3" • 243 lbs. • Born 7-27-53
Penn State • 9th year • D-2 in '75

Working out 52 weeks a year on weights has made the Bears' Mike Hartenstine one of the NFL's strongest defensive linemen. A second-round pick in the 1975 draft, Mike started in all nine games last season. His strength and durability have made him the only eight-year player to have played in all 115 regular season games. He has a total 456 career tackles with his best game performance coming against the Broncos in 1976 when he recorded 12 tackles. An All-American at Penn State, Mike was named the NCAA-ABC defensive player of the year in 1974. He and his wife, Donna, live with their two children in Lake Bluff, Illinois.



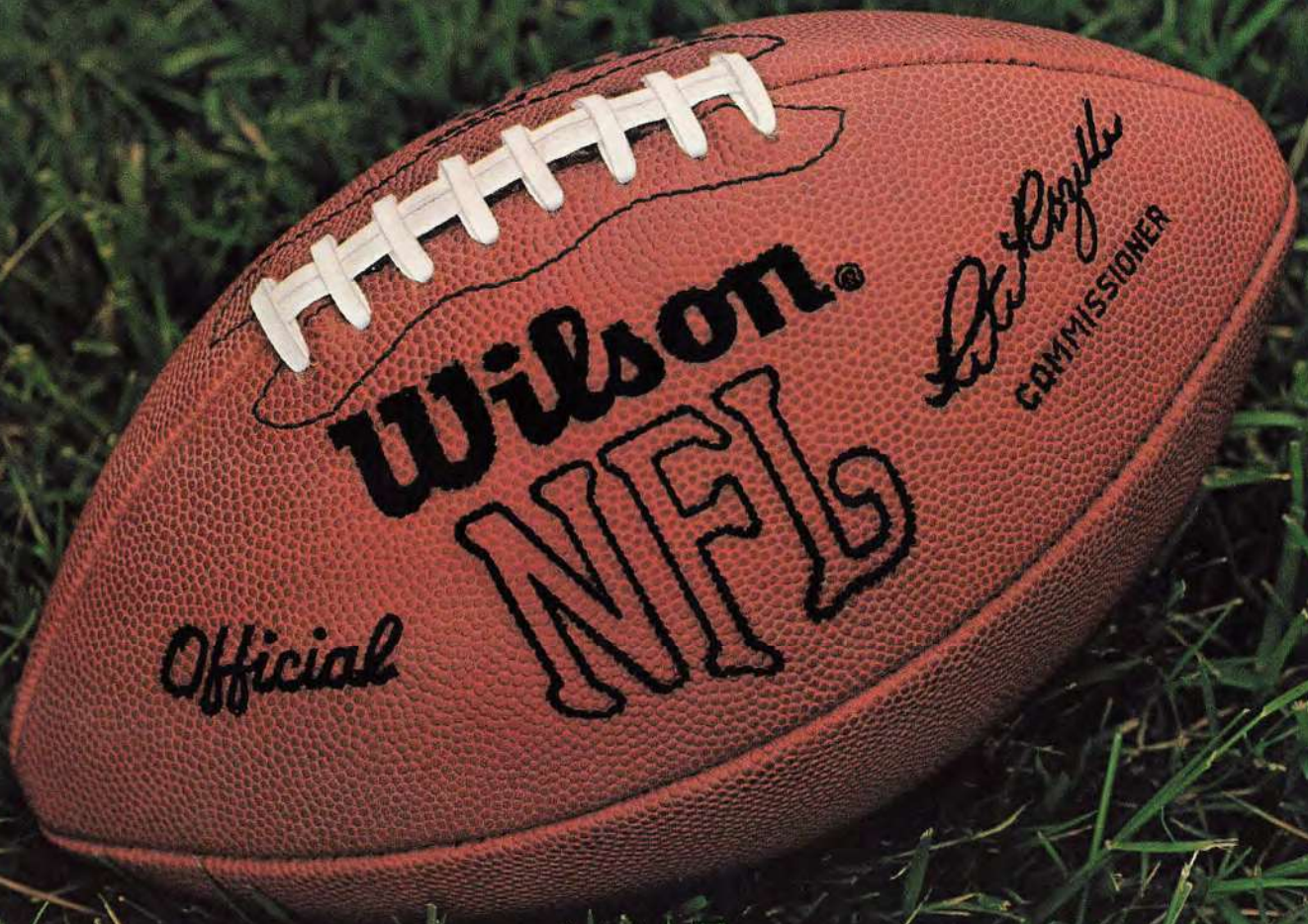
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Perry Hartnett
Guard

6'5" • 275 lbs. • Born 4-28-60
Southern Methodist • 2nd year • D-5a in '82

Guard Perry Hartnett saw action in all nine games last season for the Bears, starting in five of them following an injury to Jeff Williams. As a player with Southern Methodist, Perry received honorable mention All-American and All-Conference honors. He also saw action in the Hula and Gold Bowl. Hartnett and his wife, Donna, have one child, a son.

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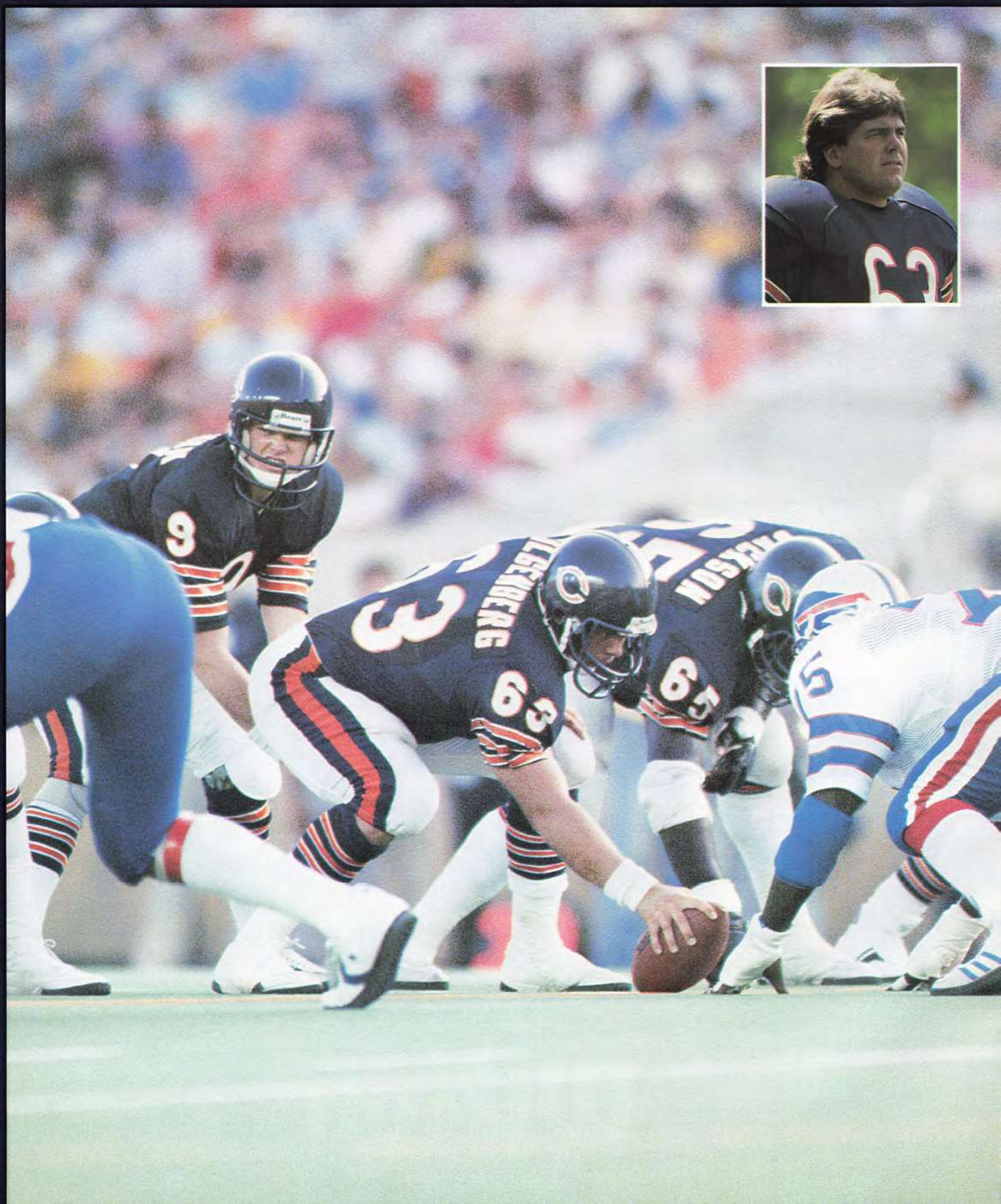
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63 Jay Hilgenberg

Center

6'3" • 260 lbs. • Born 3-21-59
Iowa • 3rd year • FA in '81

Possibly the best long snapper in the League, center Jay Hilgenberg was graded 100% on special teams play versus Tampa Bay last season. He's played in all 25 games for the Bears since signing as a free agent in May of 1981 and was named to the PFW all-rookie team in 1981. A two-year honorable mention all-American at Iowa, Hilgenberg played in the Blue-Gray Game as well as the Hula and Japan Bowls.





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Noah Jackson
Guard

6'2" • 265 lbs. • Born 4-14-51
Tampa • 9th year • T in '75

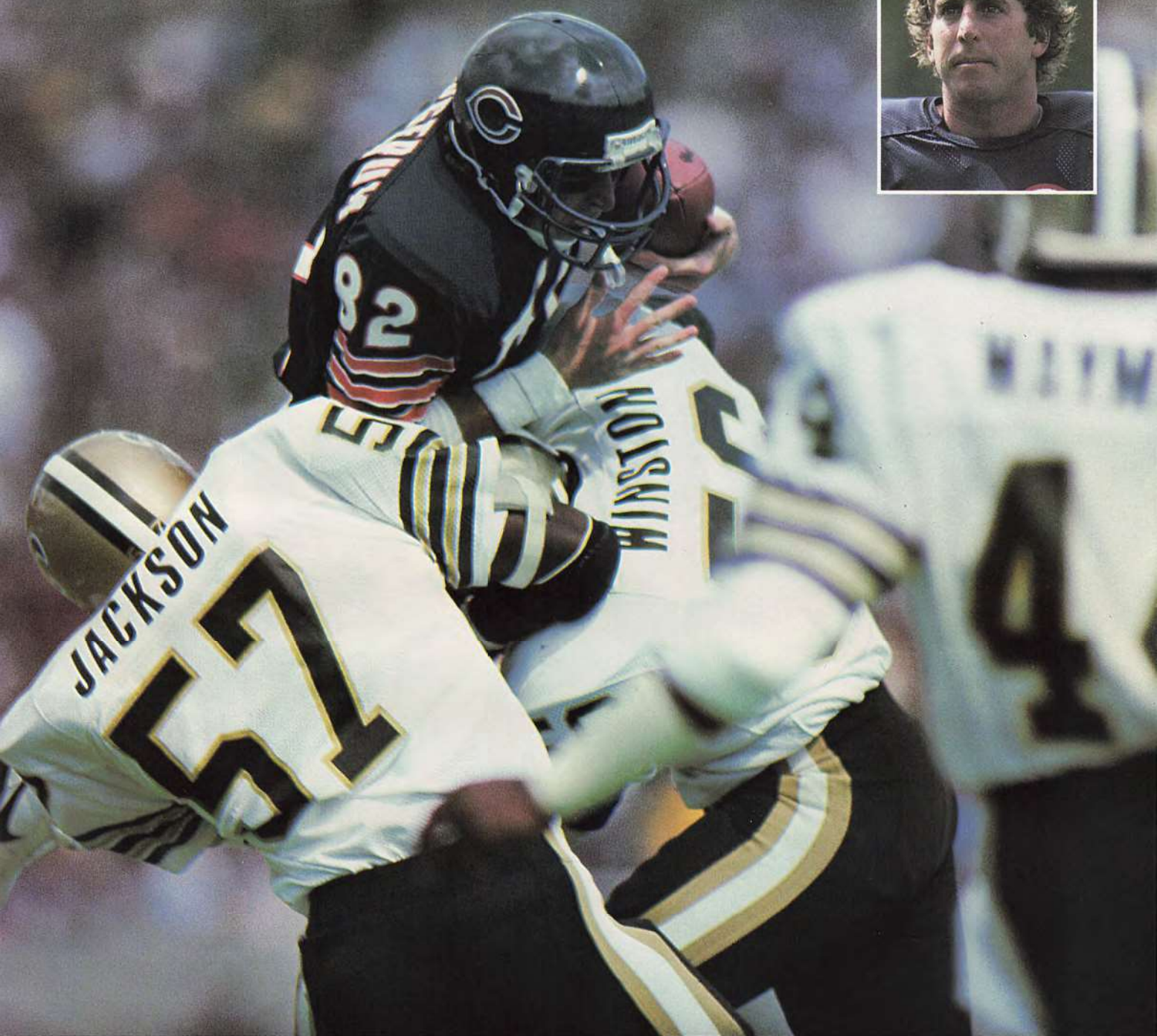
Noah Jackson has started 111 out of 112 games at left guard for the Bears since coming to the Club in a 1975 trade with Baltimore (he had played in 50 straight games before an ankle injury forced him to miss a game). Jackson had his best season with the Club in 1980 when he earned second team All-NFC honors. Jackson played for the Toronto Argonauts in the CFL for three seasons, having joined them following his junior year at Tampa. Jackson and his wife, Cheryl, live with their daughter in Lake Forest, Illinois.

70

Dennis Lick
Tackle6'3" • 265 lbs. • Born 4-26-54
Wisconsin • 7th year • D-1 in '76

The Bears' first-round pick in the 1976 draft, tackle Dennis Lick spent three games last season on the injured reserve list. He had earned a starting position with the Club midway through his rookie year in 1976 and at one point had started in 71 straight games, before being slowed by an injury in a 1981 contest against Tampa Bay. A two-time All-American at Wisconsin, Lick played in the Hula, East-West, and Japan Bowls. He lives in Northbrook, Illinois.





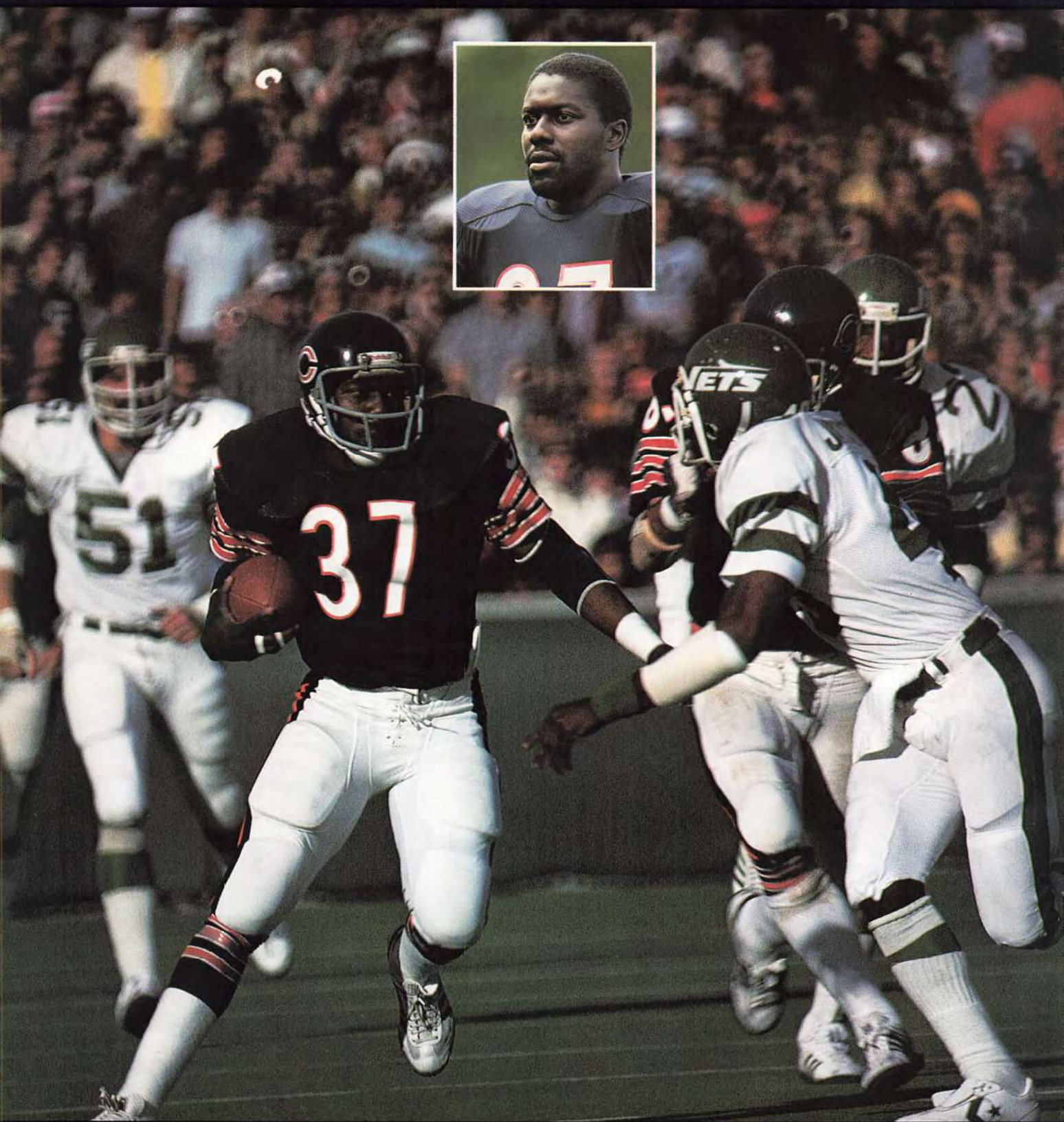
82

Ken Margerum

Wide Receiver

6' · 180 lbs. · Born 10-5-58
Stanford · 3rd year · D-3 in '81

Ken Margerum started in all nine games for the Bears last season. During his rookie year in 1981, Margerum made six starts and earned all-rookie honors from the PFWA, UPI, and PFW. In his first start he made 10 receptions for 140 yards against Minnesota. That season he was also the Bears' leading receiver, catching 39 passes for 584 yards. A consensus All-American at Stanford, Margerum set school records for catches, yardage, and TD catches. He finished third on the Pac-10 all-time receiving list. According to Rams coach John Robinson, "Ken Margerum is the best receiver in the nation."

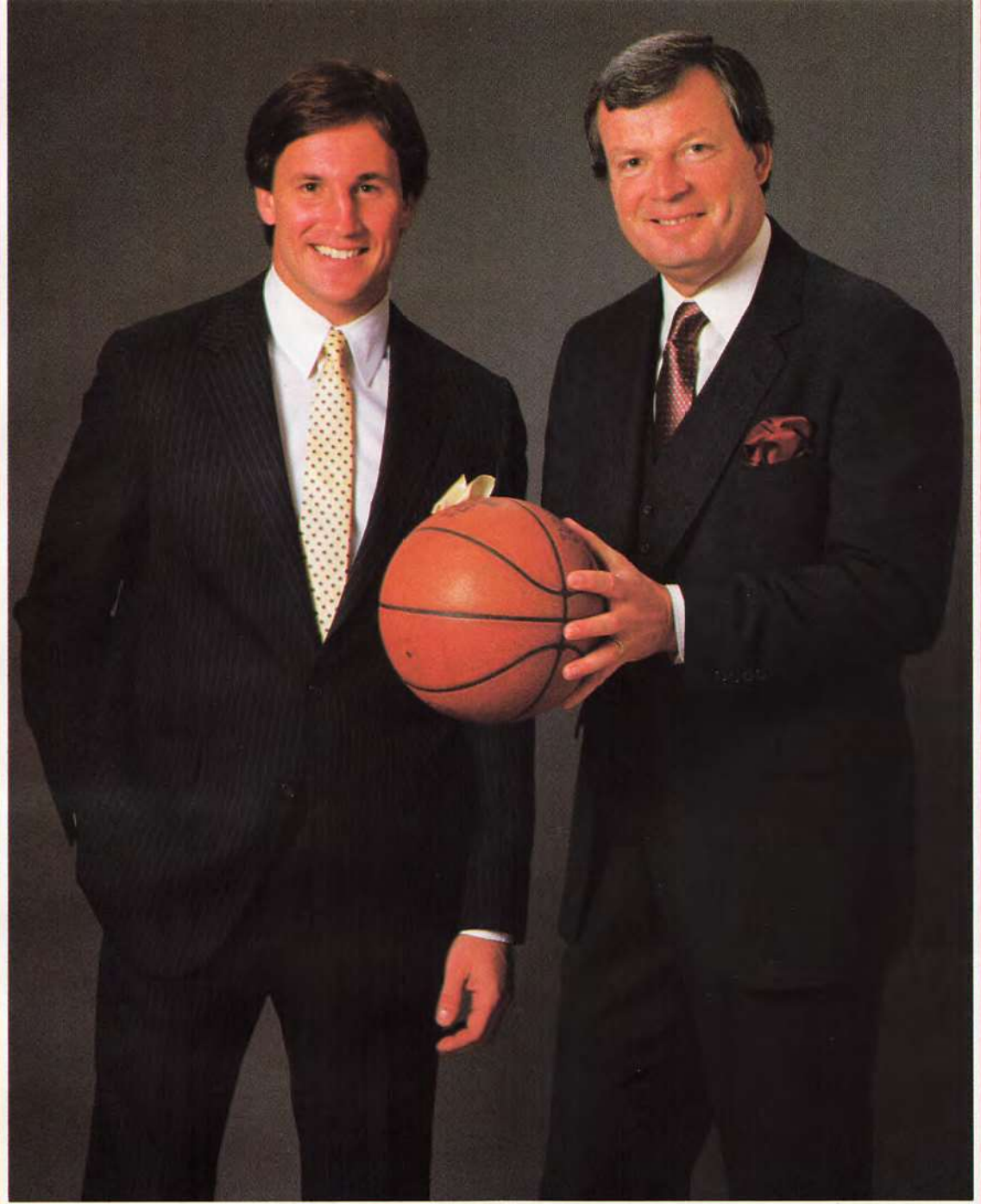


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Willie McClendon
Running Back

6'1" • 205 lbs. • Born 9-13-57
Georgia • 5th year • D-3 in '79

It's not easy being back-up to Walter Payton, but the Bears' Willie McClendon does just that, and very well. He has carried the ball in 23 of 57 career games and has some outstanding performances including a 48-yard run against the Packers in 1980. He had another excellent game versus the Jets in 1979 when he carried the ball eight times for 54 yards. The SEC's Offensive Player of the Year in 1978, McClendon broke a 37-year-old rushing record for Georgia his senior year. He and his wife, Susan, have one child.



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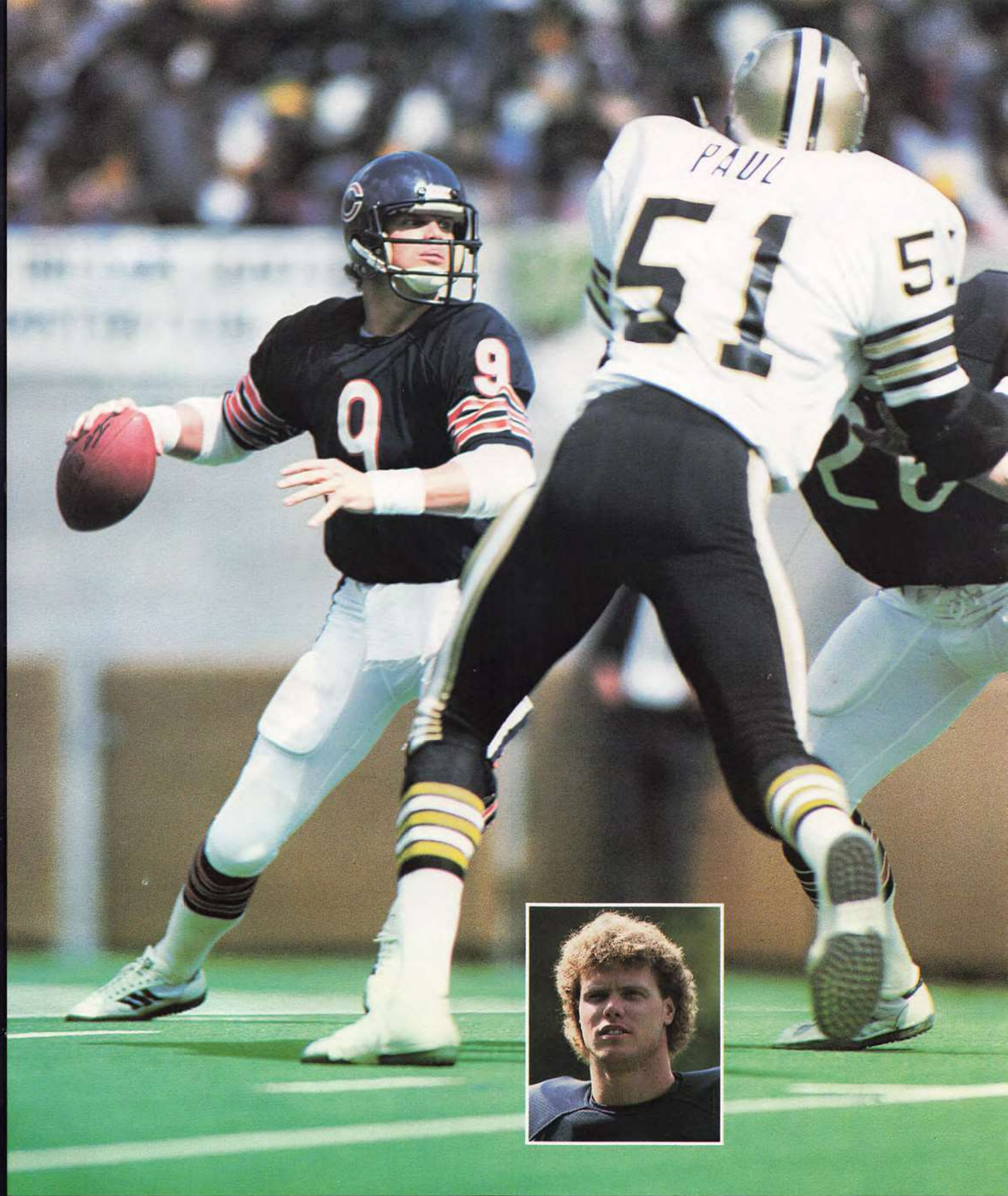
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Jim McMahon

Quarterback

6'1/2" • 187 lbs. • Born 8-21-59
Brigham Young • 2nd year • D-1 in '82

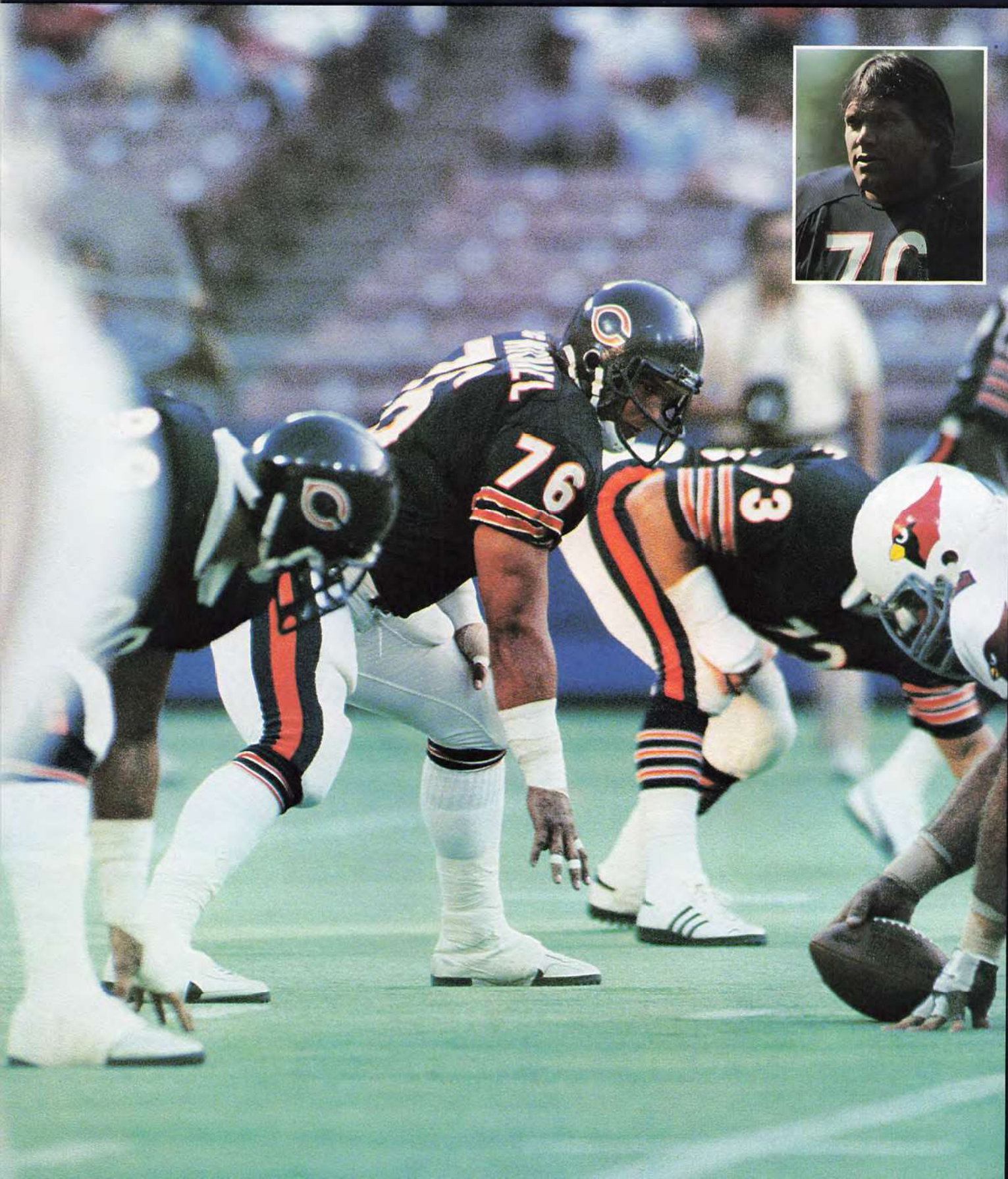
Quarterback Jim McMahon will be, according to Coach Mike Ditka, "a tremendous factor in our success." McMahon had the best passing rating ever for a rookie in the NFL and was named UPI-NFC Rookie of the Year. He also earned all-rookie honors from the PFWA, PFW, and *Football Digest*. The team's 1982 Brian Piccolo Award winner, McMahon started the last seven games for the Bears and made 120 of 210 attempts for 1,501 yards. As a consensus All-American at Brigham Young University, McMahon set 71 NCAA Division I passing records and broke Danny White's NCAA passing efficiency mark of 148.9 with a 156.9 rating.

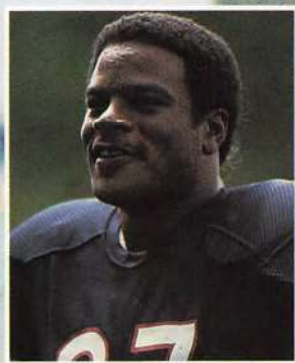
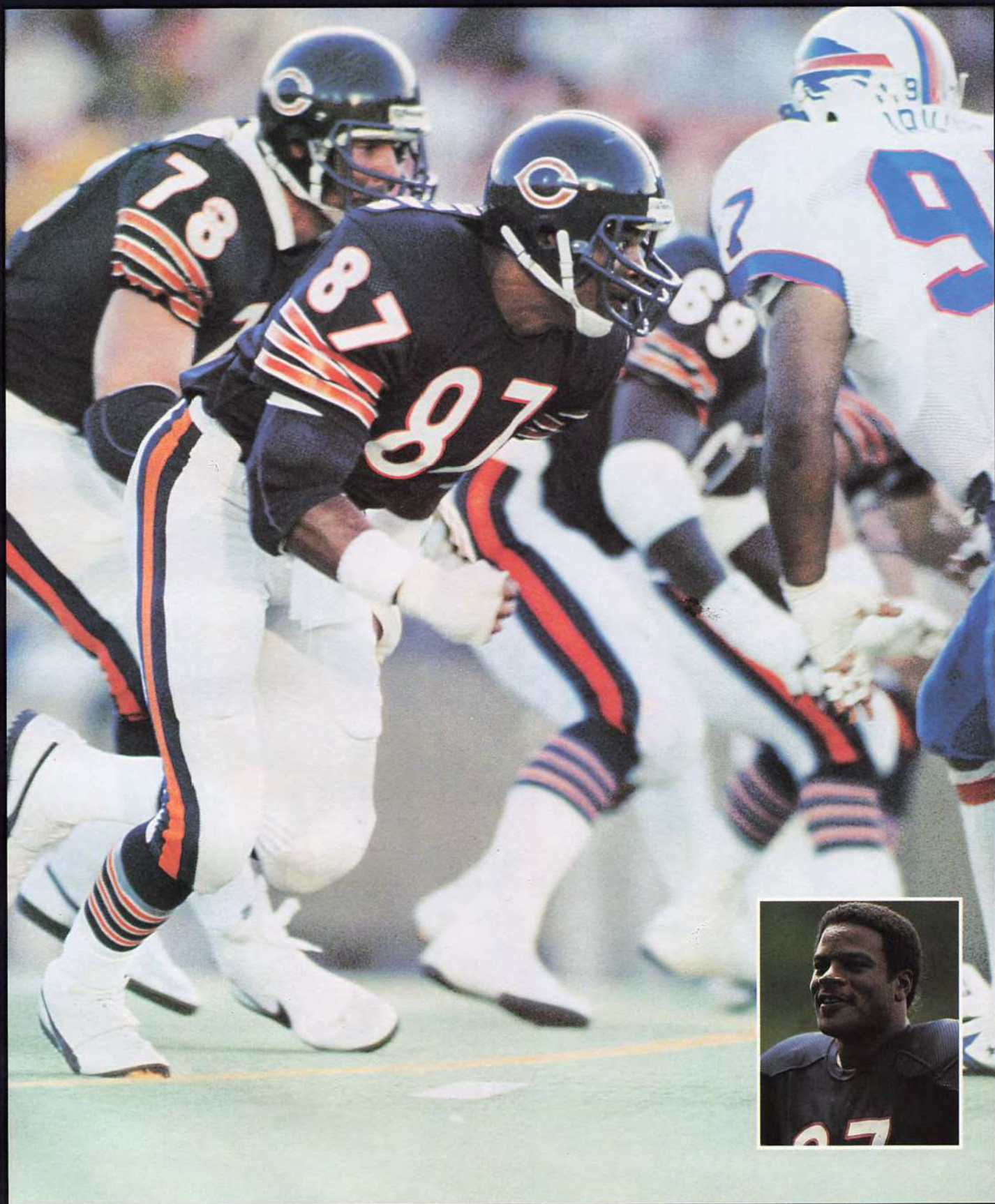
76 Steve McMichael

Defensive Tackle

6'2" • 260 lbs. • Born 10-17-57
Texas • 4th year • FA in '81

Steve McMichael recovered a fumble and took it 64 yards in a game against Tampa Bay last January. He was rated 100% for his special teams play in that same game. McMichael joined the Bears after being waived by the New England Patriots in 1981 and saw action in the last 10 games of that season for the Club. Last season he played in all nine games for the Bears. A consensus All-American at Texas, McMichael collected 372 tackles and 30 sacks in his four years with the Longhorns.





87

Emery Moorehead

Tight End

6'2" • 220 lbs. • Born 3-22-54
Colorado • 7th year • FA in '81

Tight End Emory Moorehead led the team in receiving yardage in 1982 with 363 yards. He started every game at the tight end position and collected five touchdown receptions, more than any Bears tight end since Ditka in 1965. A sixth-round pick by the New York Giants in 1977, Moorehead saw action with the Giants and Broncos before signing with the Bears as a free agent in 1981. With Colorado, Moorehead played both the running back and flanker positions and had 35 receptions for 604 yards for his final two seasons. Moorehead and his wife, Leslee, have one son, Aaron.

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Dan Neal
Center

6'4" • 255 lbs. • Born 8-30-49
Kentucky • 11th year • FA in '75

Center Dan Neal carries a streak of 73 consecutive starts into the season opener for the Bears. He hasn't missed one game out of 107 since coming to the Club as a free agent in 1975. He spent his first two seasons in the league with the Baltimore Colts as a member of the special teams. A two-year starter for Kentucky, Neal played in the 1972 East-West game. He and his wife, Barbara, have a daughter, Kelly.

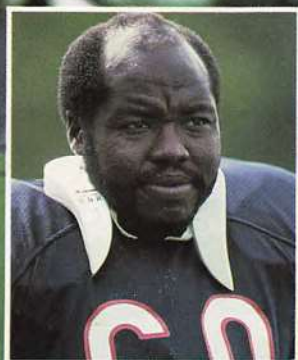
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Jim Osborne

Defensive Tackle

6'3" • 245 lbs. • Born 9-7-49
Southern • 12th year • D-7b in '72

In a game against the Patriots last season, 11-year veteran Jim Osborne had two sacks for eight yards, a blocked field goal, and scored the first points of his career, tackling Steve Grogan for a safety. Osborne has played in 153 games for the Bears, a total second only to Bob Parsons'. He has led the team in sacks four times in his career, and ranked sixth in the league with 15 sacks in 1976. At Southern, Osborne was the first player ever selected from the school to play in the East-West Shrine game. He and his wife, Emma, have three children and live in Olympia Fields, Illinois.





86

Bob Parsons Punter

6'5" • 225 lbs. • Born 6-29-50
Penn State • 12th year • D-5 in '72

Veteran punter Bob Parsons has been with the Bears for 11 years. He owns the Club record for consecutive games played, having appeared in 153 straight. He also established a Bears record in 1981 when he punted for 4,351 yards. He also set an NFL record in punting 114 times that season. The Penn State graduate had a good season last year recording his best gross average ever with 41.3 yards per kick. He has led only 26 touchbacks in the last four seasons and has even completed seven of 12 passes attempted from punt formation. With the Nittany Lions, Parsons played quarterback until switching to the tight end position his senior year.



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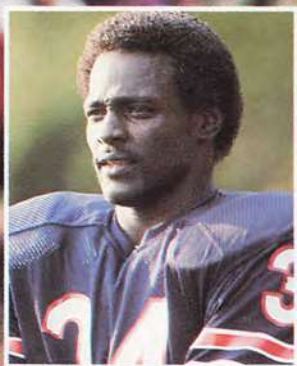
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Walter Payton

Running Back

5'10½" • 204 lbs. • Born 7-25-54
Jackson State • 9th year • D-1 in '75

The fourth leading rusher in NFL history, Walter Payton begins his ninth season with the Bears in 1983. Since his selection as Chicago's first-round pick in the 1975 draft, Payton has rushed for 10,204 yards and scored 72 touchdowns. He owns 21 team records and also set the NFL's single-game rushing mark with 275 yards against the Minnesota Vikings in 1977. In 1980 the former Jackson State star earned an unprecedented fifth consecutive NFC rushing title with 1,460 yards. He also holds the distinction of being the NFL's youngest MVP, earning the honor in 1977 at the age of 23. Walter lives with his wife, Connie, and their son in Arlington Heights.

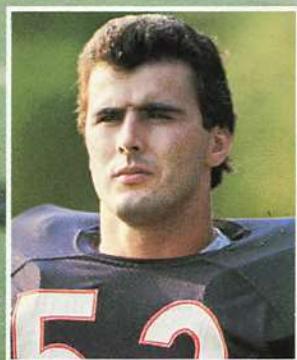
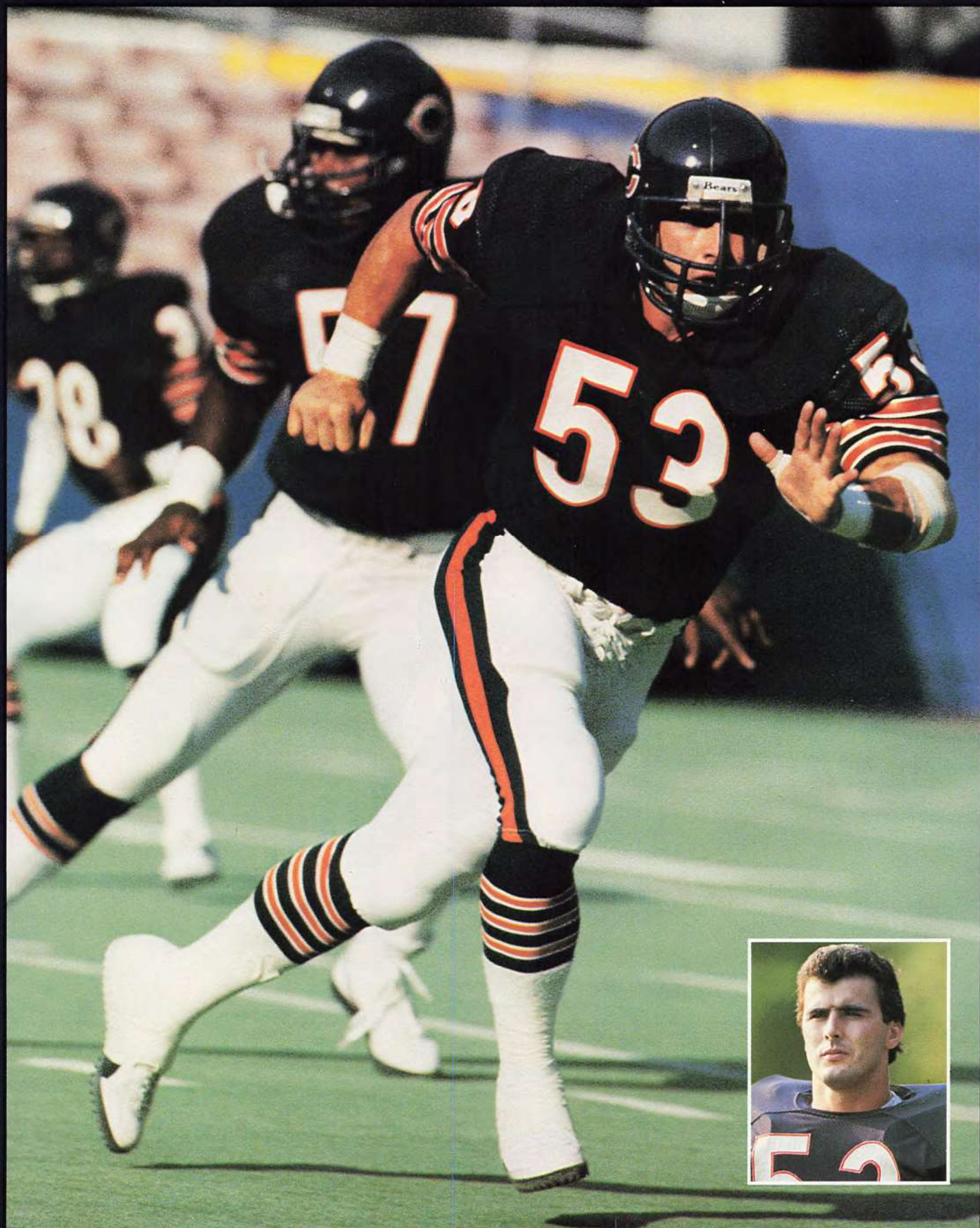
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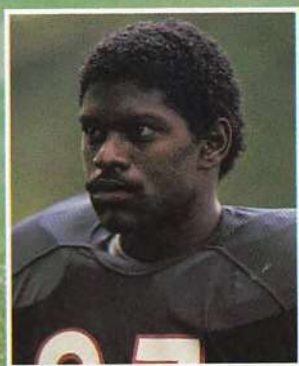
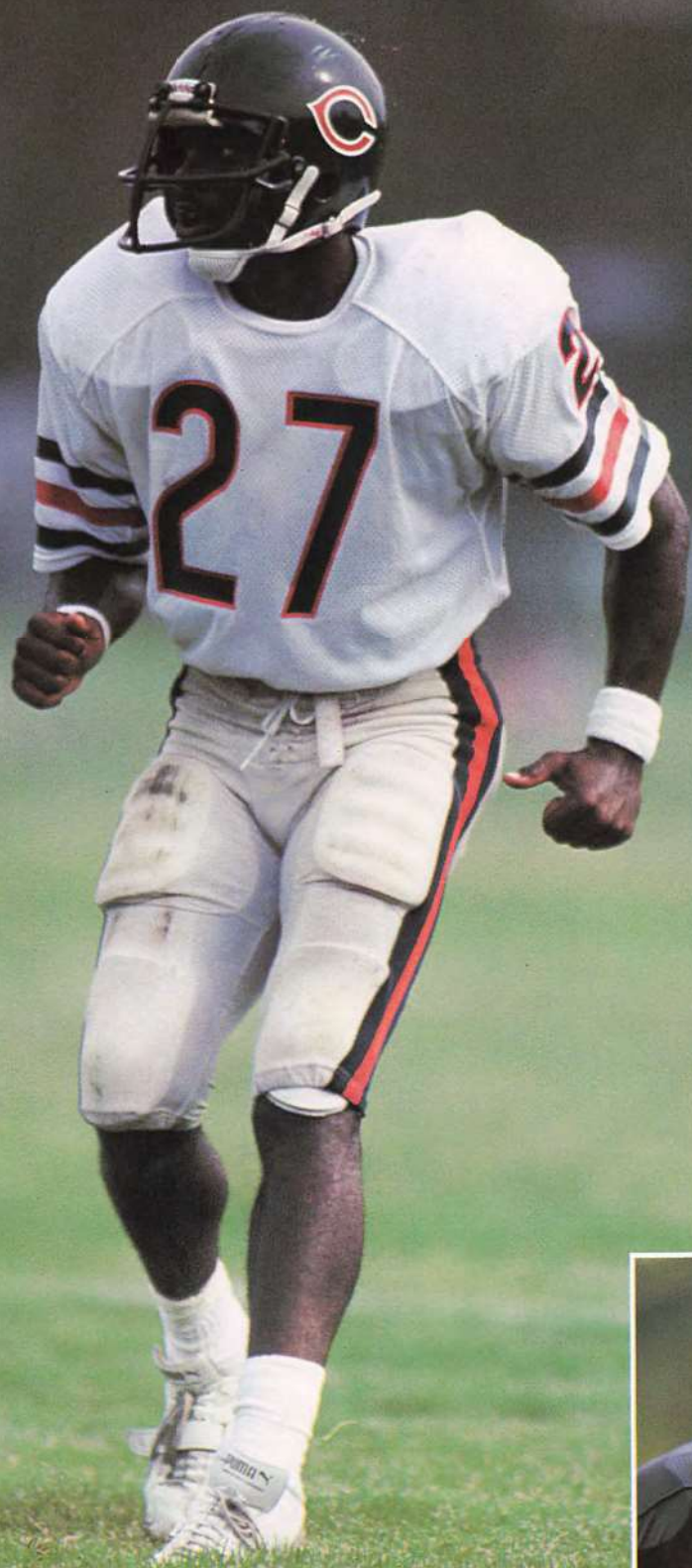
Dan Rains

Linebacker

6'1" • 220 lbs. • Born 4-26-56
Cincinnati • 2nd year • FA in '82

Dan Rains played in the final two games of the 1982 season for the Bears. He originally signed with the team in May of 1982, but was placed on the injured reserve in July and was not activated until the end of December. An honorable mention AP All-American, Rains spent his college career at Cincinnati where he lettered all four years and earned team MVP honors.





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Mike Richardson Cornerback

6' • 188 lbs. • Born 5-23-61
Arizona State • Rookie • D-2 in '83

The Bears' second-round pick in the 1983 draft, cornerback Mike Richardson was an outstanding player for all four seasons at Arizona State. He was a four-time All-PAC 10 choice and was the team's leader in tackles for the secondary every season. A two-time consensus All-American, Richardson set a school record with 18 career interceptions and saw action at all four secondary positions. His career stats included 326 tackles, 181 of them solo, nine sacks, seven fumble recoveries, 15 pass deflections and two touchdowns.

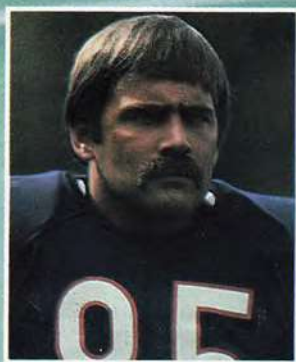
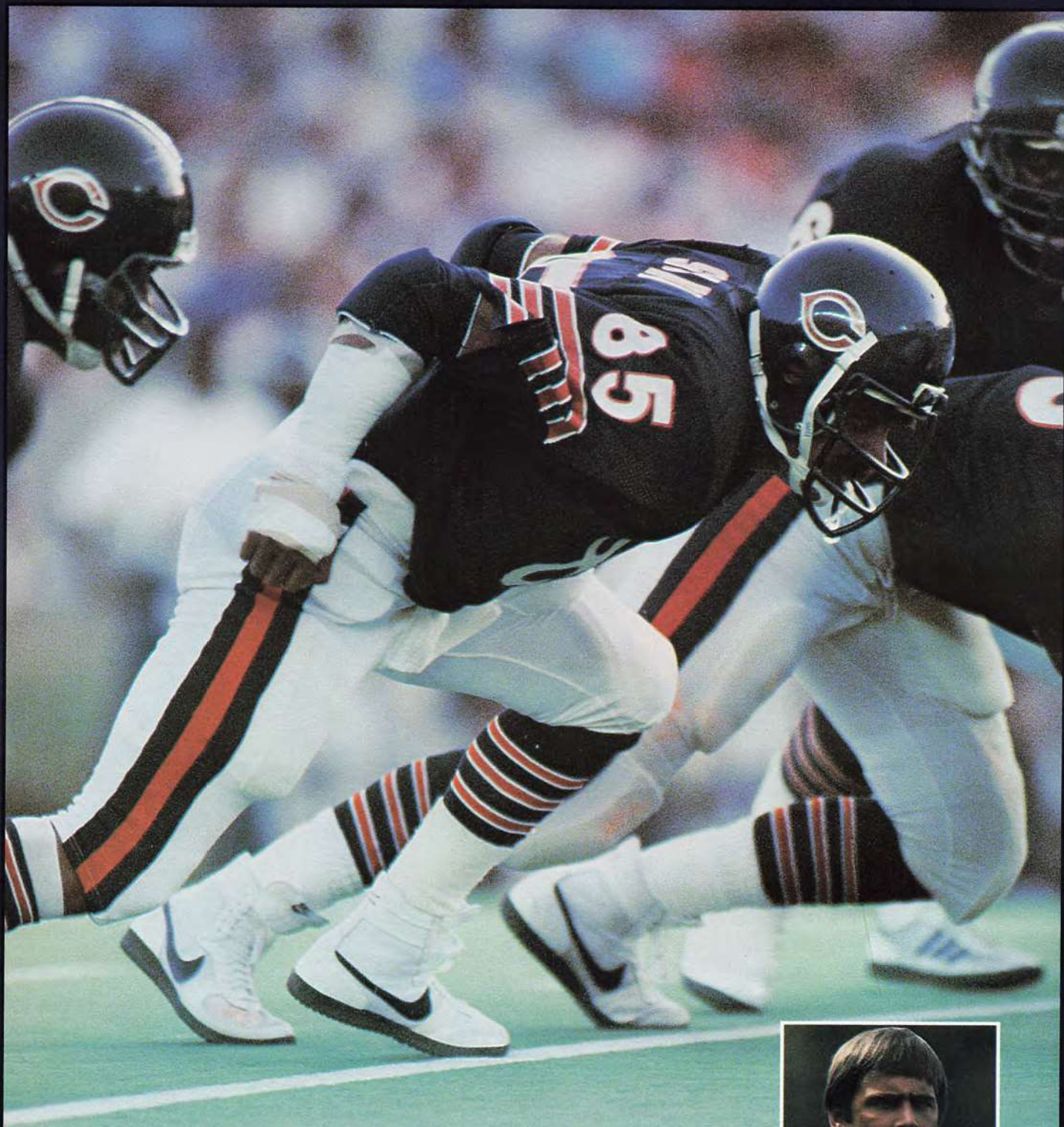
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Jay Saldi

Tight End

6'3" • 230 lbs. • Born 10-8-54
South Carolina • 8th year • T in '83

Tight end Jay Saldi came to the Bears from Dallas in 1983 in exchange for a draft choice. Saldi, who was on the inactive list for the first two games of 1982, appeared in five of the last seven games for the Cowboys. In seven years with the Cowboys, Saldi caught 63 passes for 704 yards and seven touchdowns. He spent his college years at South Carolina where he began his career at the defensive end position before making the switch to tight end.



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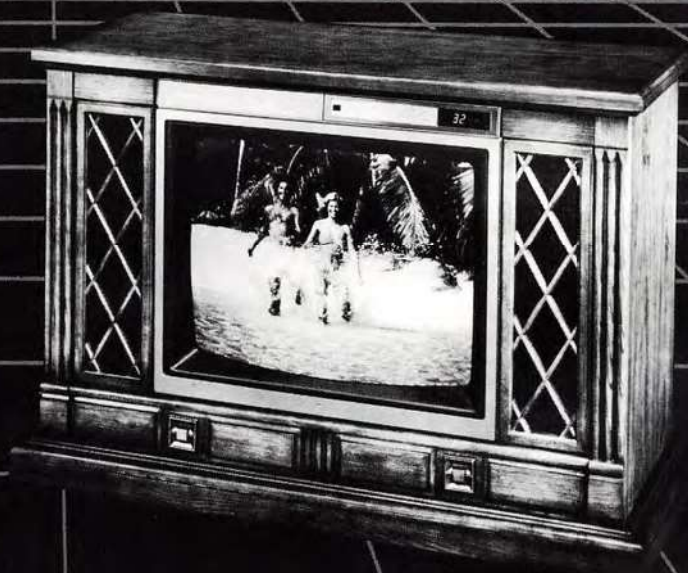
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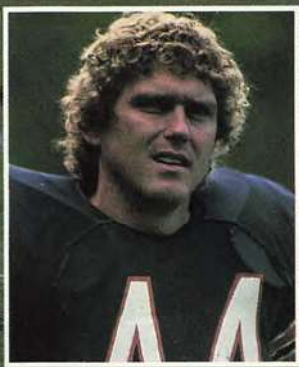
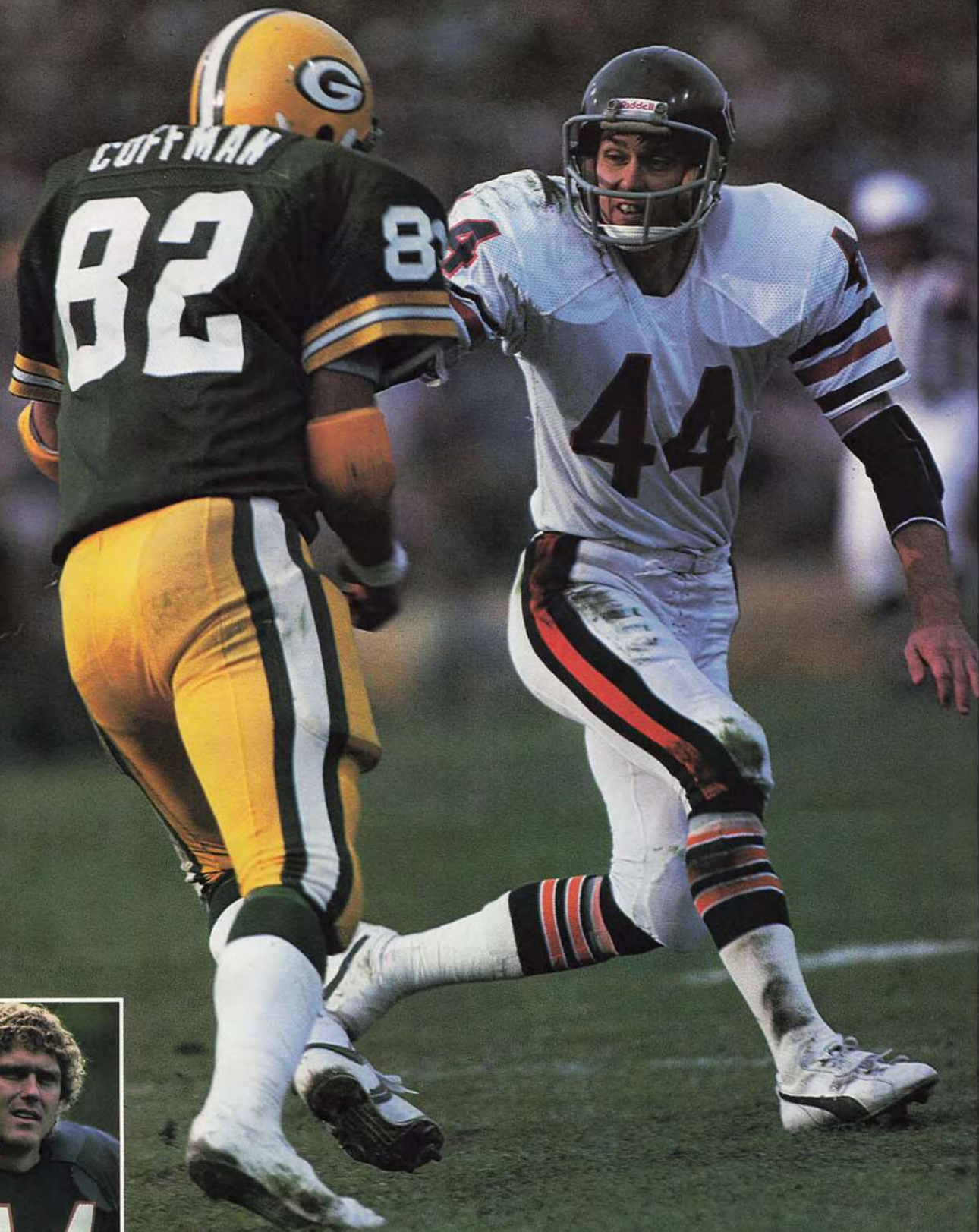
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Terry Schmidt

Cornerback

6' • 177 lbs. • Born 5-28-52
Ball State • 10th year • W in '76

Cornerback Terry Schmidt led the Bears with four interceptions in 1982, two of which he collected in a 26-13 victory over the Patriots. He's been a Bears regular since the opening game of the 1978 season. Schmidt was a fifth-round pick of the New Orleans Saints in the 1974 draft and played one season there before coming to the Bears on waivers. An All-American at Ball State, he was the team's MVP his senior year and became the first Cardinal to play in the East-West Shrine Game. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Lake Forest with their two children.



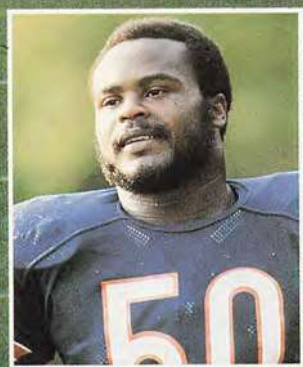
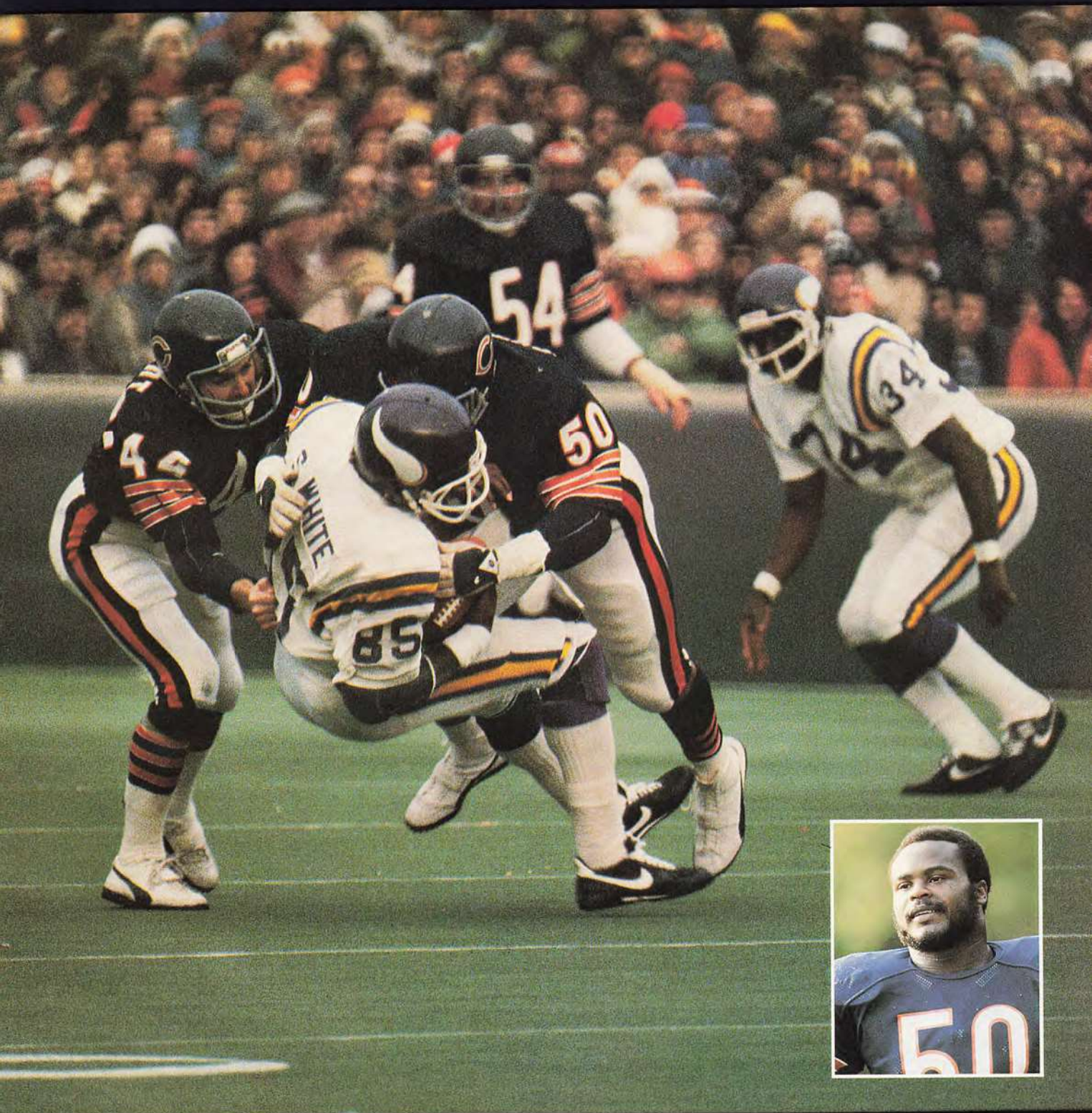
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James Scott

Wide Receiver

6'1" • 190 lbs. • Born 3-28-52
Henderson JC • 8th year • FA in '82

James Scott signed with the Bears as a free agent in 1982 after a season with the CFL's Montreal Alouettes. He originally began his NFL career with the Bears in 1976 and ranks sixth on the Club's all-time receiving yardage list. He's been the Bears' leading receiver four of his six seasons with the team. An All-Conference receiver at Henderson Junior College, Scott was originally drafted by the New York Jets in 1975. He lives in Dallas, Texas during the offseason.



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Mike Singletary

Middle Linebacker

5'11½" • 230 lbs. • Born 10-9-58
Baylor • 3rd year • D-2 in '81

Middle linebacker Mike Singletary finished the 1982 season ranked second in tackles with 71. In 1981, during his rookie year, Mike started the last nine games of the season and was awarded the game ball for his performance against Kansas City in which he recorded 10 tackles, six of them solos, and had one fumble recovery. A consensus All-American at Baylor, Singletary was Southwest Conference Player-of-the-Year in 1979 and 1980. During his career there he had five interceptions, 682 tackles, 351 solos, six fumble recoveries, and 18 passes broken up.



69

Revie Storey
Guard

6'2" • 260 lbs. • Born 9-10-53
Illinois • 9th year • D-5 in '75

Veteran guard, Revie Storey, who spent 1982 on the injured reserve, has appeared in 106 games for the Bears since coming to Chicago as the team's fifth round pick in the 1975 draft. In 1977 he was named All-NFC by UPI and earned second team honors in both 1978 and 1979. An All-Big Ten selection with Illinois, Storey was the team's offensive captain in 1974 and appeared in three post-season bowl games including the Senior Bowl, the Blue-Gray Bowl and the American Bowl.



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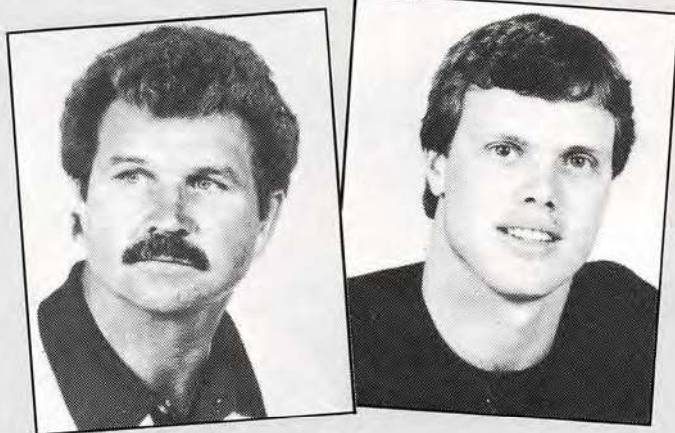


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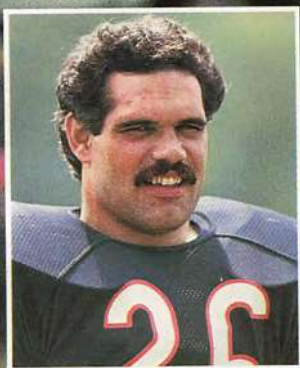


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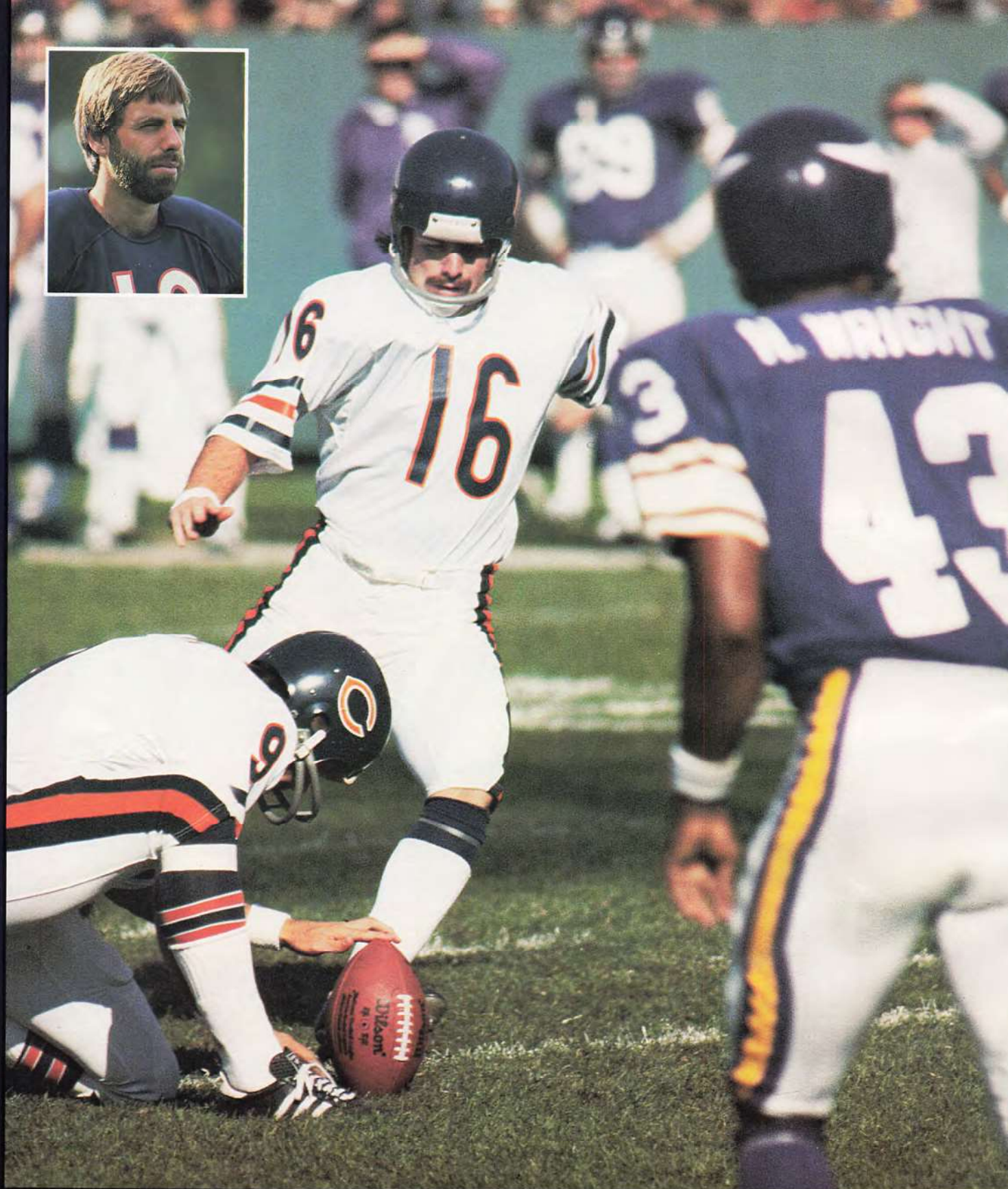
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Matt Suhey

Running Back

5'11" • 217 lbs. • Born 7-7-58
Penn State • 4th year • D-2 in '80

Matt Suhey started every game for the Bears in 1982 with his best performance coming against the Cardinals as he caught nine passes for 87 yards. A second-round pick in the 1980 draft, Suhey saw action in all 16 games his rookie year and accounted for 180 combined yards in a game vs. Pittsburgh. A four-year starter at Penn State, he became the Nittany Lions' second leading career rusher with 2,818 yards and third in total offense with 3,146 yards. Suhey is single and lives in Highland Park.



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Bob Thomas

Kicker

5'10" • 175 lbs. • Born 8-7-52
Notre Dame • 9th year • FA in '82

After rejoining the Bears as a free agent last December, kicker Bob Thomas made five of seven field goals. Originally waived by the Bears in September, Thomas moved on to Detroit where he made five of five field goals before becoming a free agent. Thomas is the most accurate field goal kicker in Bears history, having converted 92 of 152 attempts in eight seasons with the Club. He needs only eight more fields goals to break Mac Percival's career record of 99 and is currently the fourth leading scorer in team history. While at Notre Dame, Thomas set a number of school records and his field goal versus Alabama in the 1973 Sugar Bowl gave the Irish a 24-23 victory and the National Championship. Thomas and his wife, Margaret, have one son, Brendan.

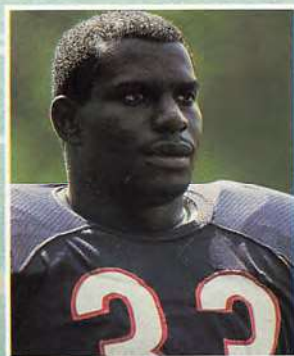
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Calvin Thomas

Running Back

5'11" • 220 lbs. • Born 1-7-60
Illinois • 2nd year • FA in '82

Calvin Thomas could "challenge for the starting role" according to head coach Mike Ditka. He played in six of the last seven games in 1982 and during the preseason caught seven passes for 65 yards. Signed as a free agent in May of 1982, Thomas spent his college career at Illinois where he was a four-year letterman and played in the Blue-Gray game.

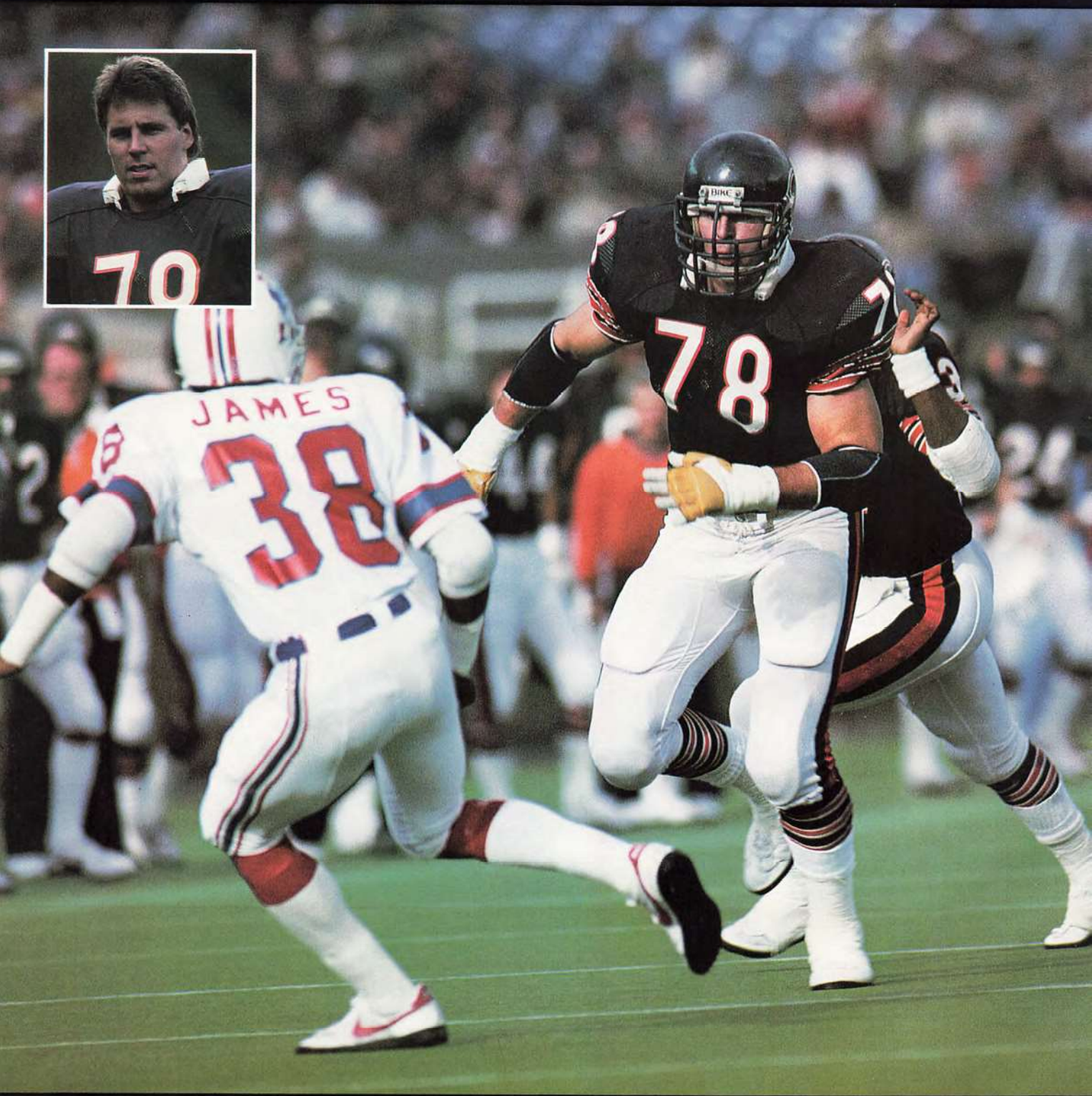
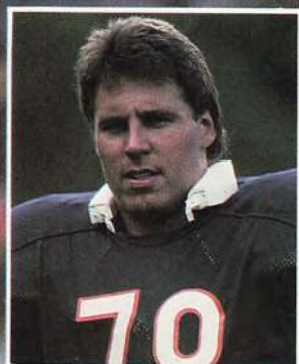


78 Keith Van Horne

Tackle

6'6½" • 265 lbs. • Born 11-6-57
Southern Cal • 3rd year • D-1 in '81

The Bears' first-round pick in the 1981 draft, tackle Keith Van Horne started all nine games for the team last season at the right tackle position. In 1981 he made the starting lineup for the final 12 games of the season, with his outstanding play bringing him all-rookie honors. A consensus All-American his senior year at Southern Cal, Van Horne started at the strongside tackle position his final three years with the Trojans. According to coach Mike Ditka, Keith could "be an All-Pro in time."





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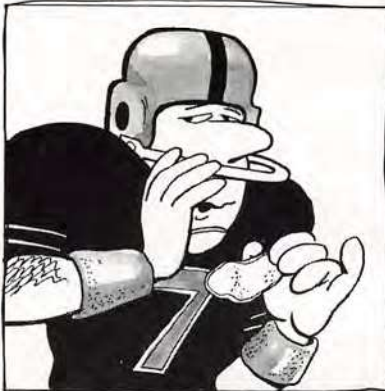
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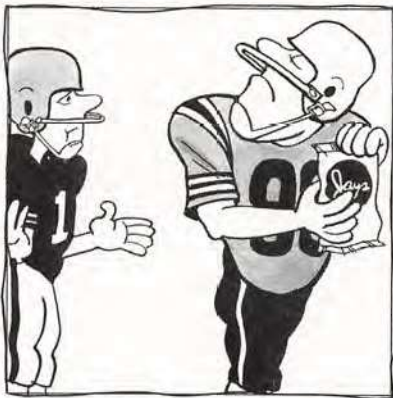
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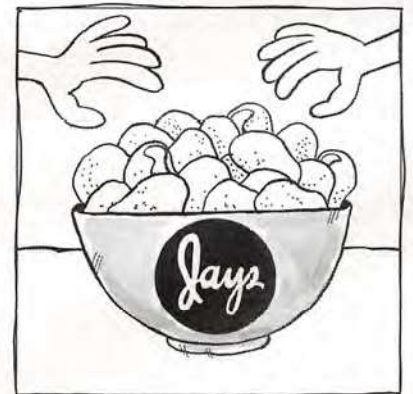
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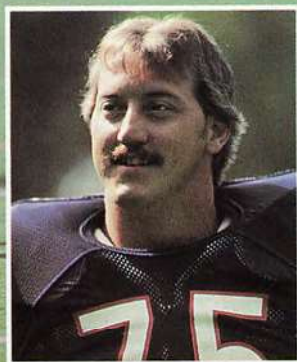
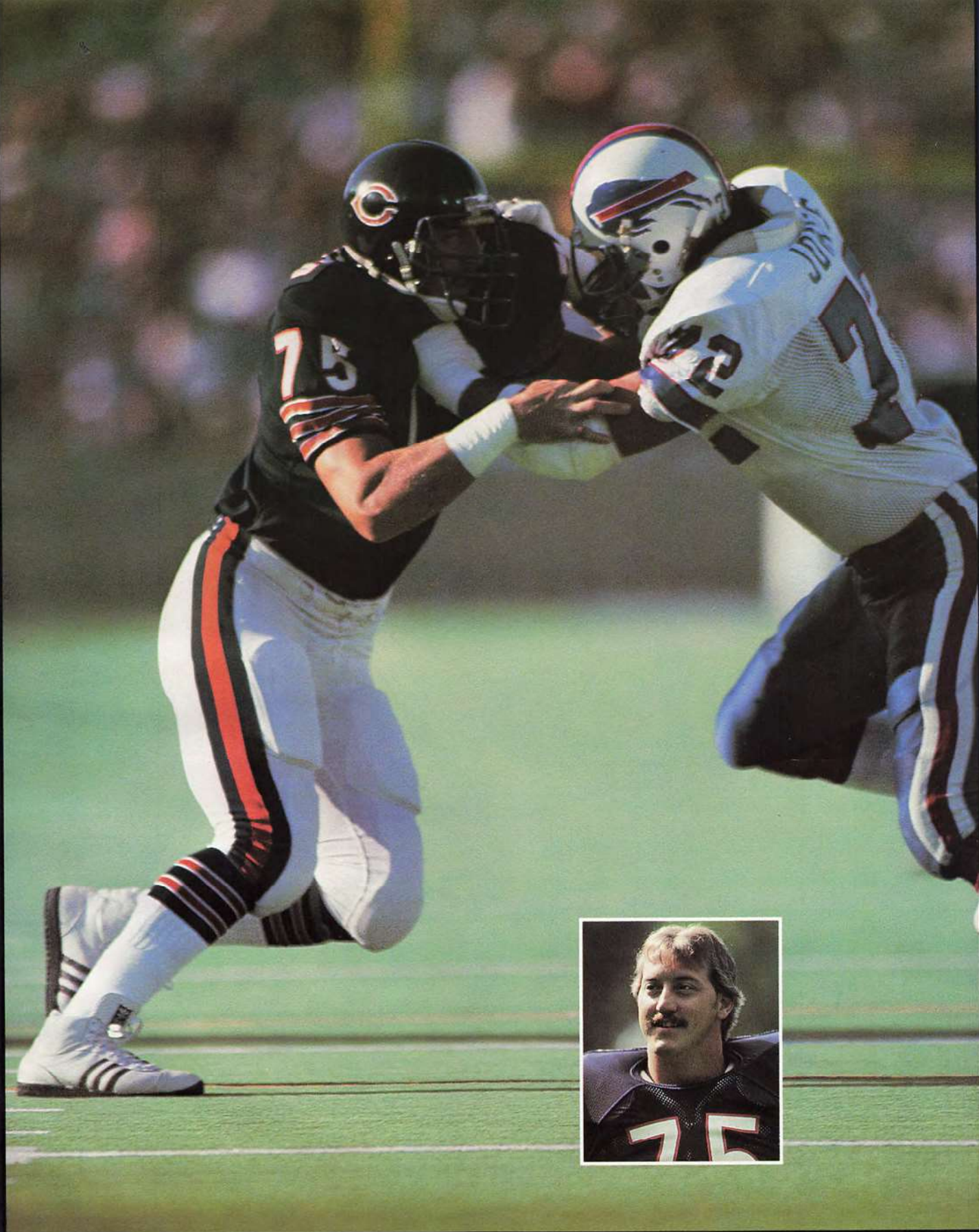
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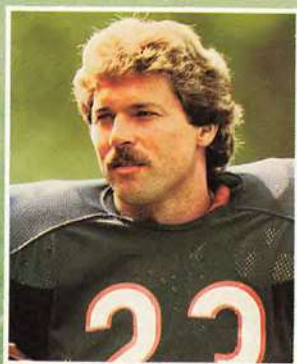
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Henry Waechter

Defensive End

6'5½" • 270 lbs. • Born 2-13-59
Nebraska • 2nd year • D-7 in '82

Henry Waechter made great progress during the 1982 season and could compete for a starting position in the 3-4 defense. He appeared in all nine games last year and started in place of an injured Al Harris in two of them. A junior college transfer to Nebraska, Waechter had 119 tackles in his two years with the Cornhuskers.



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Lenny Waltersheid
Safety

5'11" • 190 lbs. • Born 9-13-54
Southern Utah State • 7th year • FA in '77

Lenny Waltersheid started the final eight games of the 1982 season at free safety for the Bears, and finished the year ranked fourth in team tackles with 62. Waltersheid, who joined the Bears as a free agent in 1977, was the team leader in interceptions in 1980, snagging four. A two-time MVP at Southern Utah State, Waltersheid played cornerback and wide receiver, earning conference MVP honors in 1976. Lenny and his wife, Korine, live with their son, Justin, in Libertyville.

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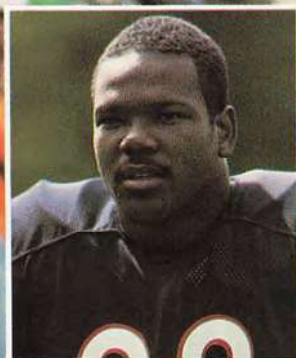
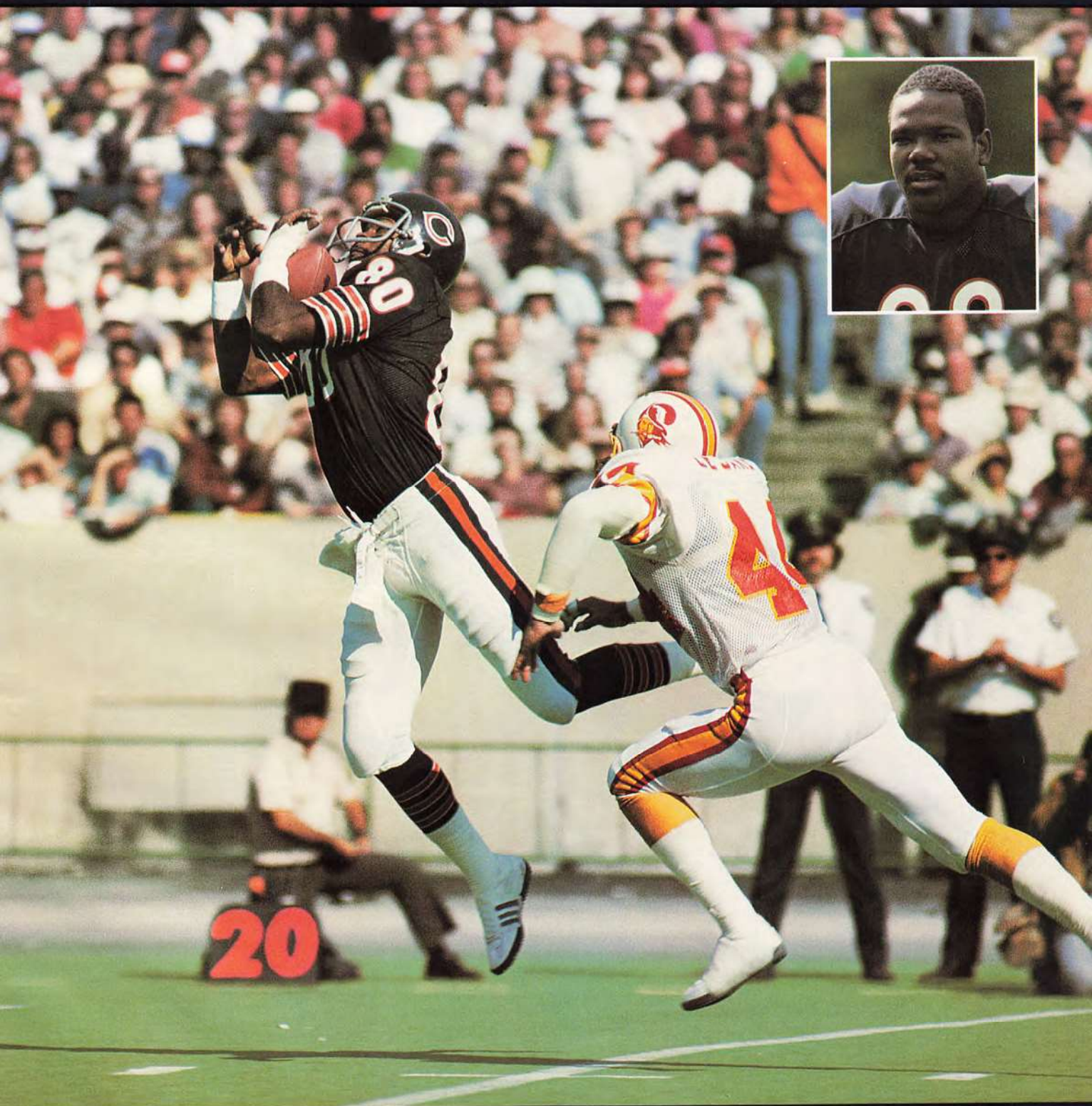
Rickey Watts

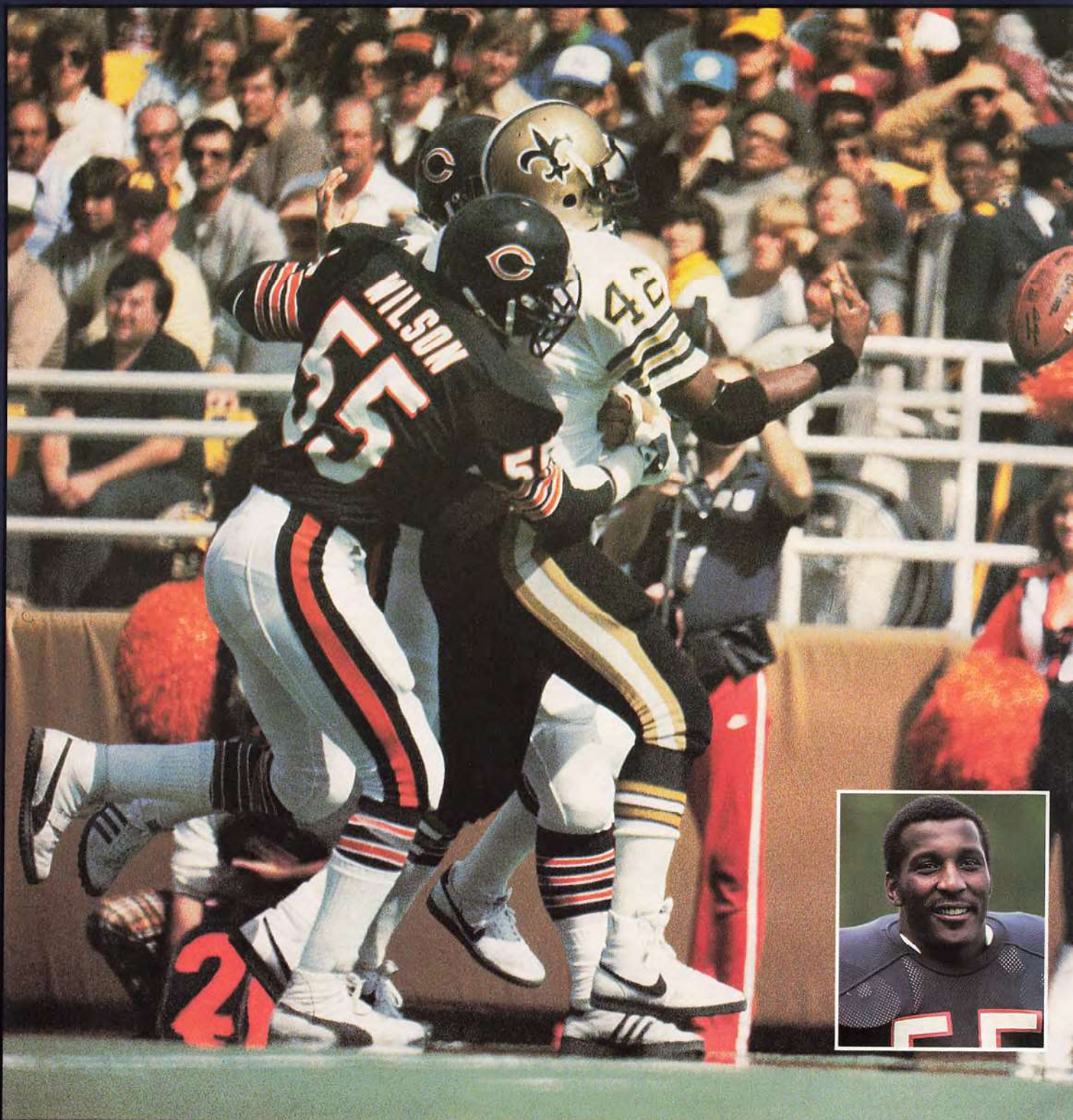
Wide Receiver

6'1" · 203 lbs. · Born 5-16-57

Tulsa · 5th year · D-2 in '79

Wide Receiver Rickey Watts ranked sixth among NFL kick returners during the 1982 season with a 27.1 average. Watts, a second-round pick in the 1979 draft, also ranks 17th on the Bears all-time receiving list with 1,411 total yards. An excellent blocker, Watts was Tulsa's leading receiver during his final two seasons there. He'd spent his first two as a tailback and rushed for 1,166 yards. A four-year letterman, Watts never missed a game and hopes to remain healthy for the 1983 season. According to Coach Ditka, "Watts is potentially as good as anyone playing the game."





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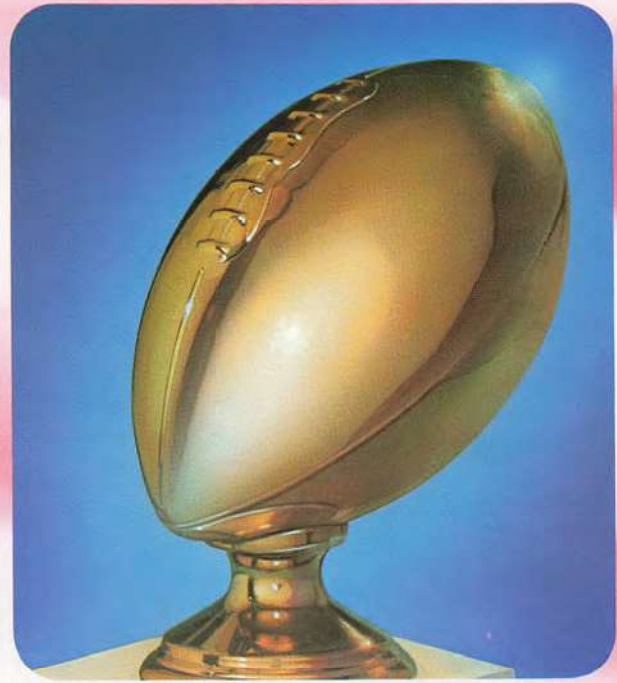
Otis Wilson

Linebacker

6'2" • 222 lbs. • Born 9-15-57
Louisville • 4th year • D-1

A first-round pick in the 1980 draft, linebacker Otis Wilson started all nine games for the Bears last season. A high point in his season came against Tampa Bay when he nabbed an interception and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown. In 1981 Wilson was second on the team with 81 tackles despite an injury which slowed him in the final three games of the season. As a senior at Louisville, Wilson made 175 tackles and was named NEA and *Sporting News* All-American. Wilson and his wife, Kyle, have one son and one daughter.

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